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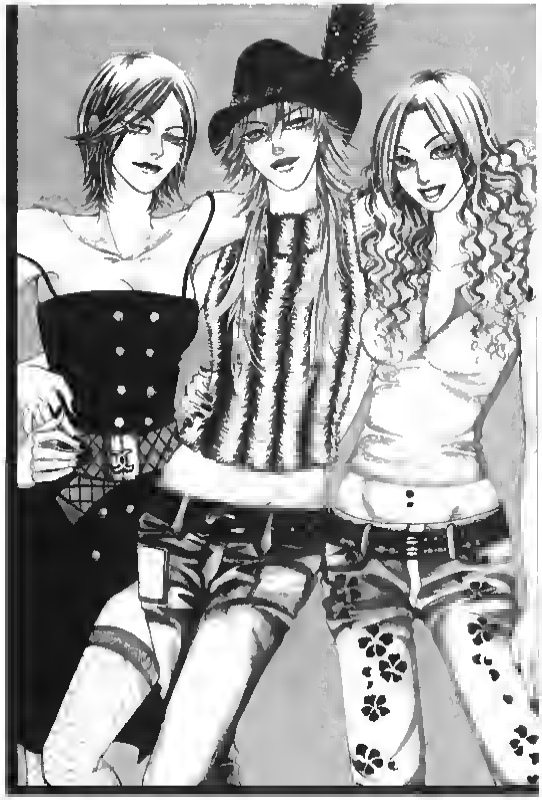

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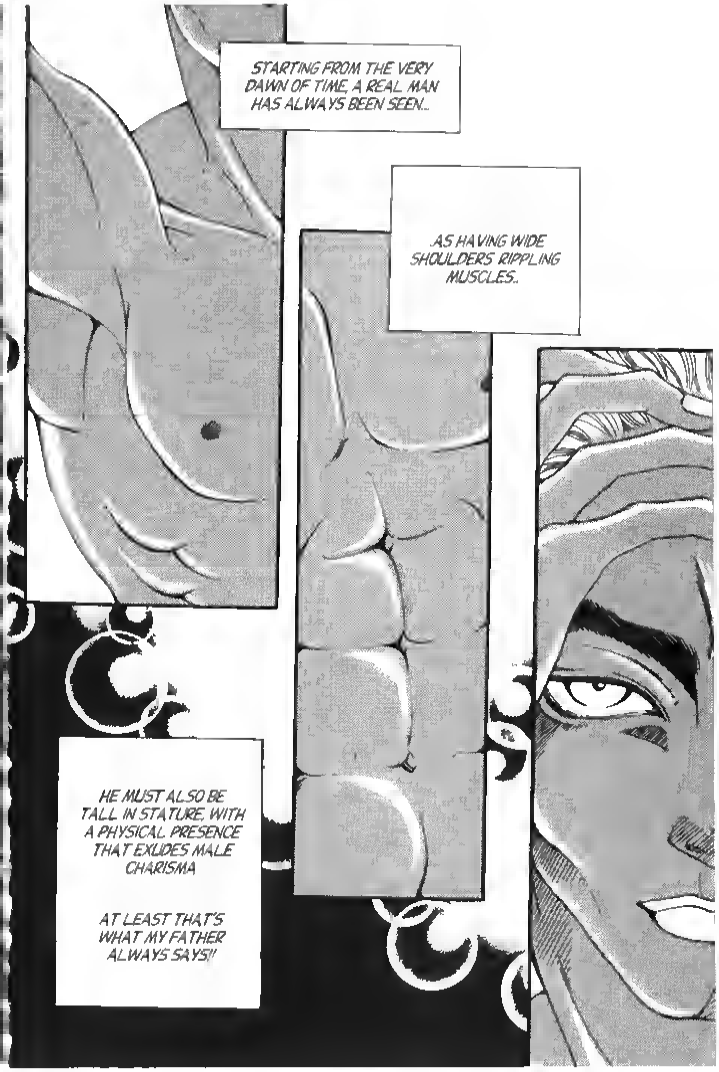

STARTING FROM THE VERY DAWN OF TIME, A REAL MAN HAS ALWAYS BEEN SEEN..
..AS HAVING WIDE SHOULDERS RIPPLING MUSCLES..
HE MUST ALSO BE TALL IN STATURE, WITH A PHYSICAL PRESENCE THAT EXUDES MALE CHARISMA
AT LEAST THAT'S WHAT MY FATHER ALWAYS SAYS!!

IN ORDER TO BECOME LIKE THIS WORKING OUT IS AN ABSOLUTE MUST ALL THE TIME! EACH AND EVERY DAY! (OR SO MY FATHER FORCEFULLY OVER-EMPHASIZES)
I AM!! A MAN OF KOREA!! PIL-HYUN JUNG!!
A MANLY MAN, WITH A FIRM AND TAUT PHYSICAL APPEARANCE, NOT TO MENTION A VERY COOL DEMEANOR!!!
THAT'S WHAT I'D VERY MUCH LIKE TO BE
tremble
Gasp!
D-D-DAD?

The sound of patience snapping.
E!
O!
!
PIL-HYUN JUNG! YOU WORTHLESS LITTLE TWERP!!!
D-D-DAD! UGHH! NO, DAD! PLEASE! NO!!

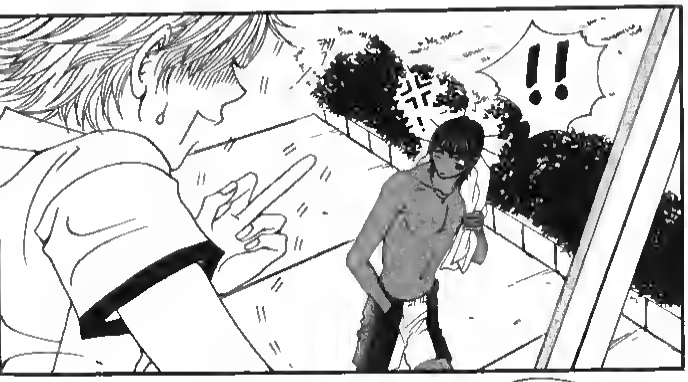
#1. I'm A Man!

EWWW! HOW WRETCHED.
WHAT HAPPENED? WHAT DID YOU DO TO GET TEDDY ALL RIPPED UP LIKE THAT?
Don't cry. Aw, c'mon. Stop!
I THOUGHT I WAS BEING CAREFUL, BUT I STILL GOT CAUGHT BY MY DAD!
You worthless little twerp! That's it! I'm gonna cut off your pecker!! Stay right where you are!!
Wait! No! Dad...!!!
SO HE WENT TOTALLY PSYCHO?
YIKES! WHATEVER WOULD HAVE BECOME OF YOU IF HE'D CUT THAT OFF!
POOR TEDDY...
IT TOOK ME OVER TWO WEEKS JUST TO MAKE YOU
DON'T WORRY, TEDDY. I'LL FIX YOU UP GOOD AS NEW
IN MY EYES IT'S MORE LIKE "POOR YOU."
WAIT... MAYBE YOUR FATHER IS THE ONE TO BE PITIED?! HE LIVES FOR HIS MASCULINITY, YET HAS YOU FOR A SON... YOU WHO ARE SO VERY FEMININE.
Tsk!

WELL, I GUESS THE WAY YOU LOOK IS BEYOND YOUR CONTROL. BUT PIL HYUN, WHEN I THINK OF YOUR BROTHERS I FAIL TO UNDERSTAND WHAT MAKES YOU ACT THE WAY YOU DO!
Aren't your brothers all really buff and muscular?!
I MEAN, WELL...
ALL I'M SAYING... NEVER MIND! FORGET I SAID ANYTHING ABOUT IT!
AH!! AH!!
YESSSSS! GYUNG-JU! LEE HAS THE BALL!!!!! WAY TO GO GYUNG-JU! LEEEEEEEE!
PASS! PASS, GYUNG-JU! PASS THE BALL TO ME!!
Hmph!
EEEEE! LOOK AT GYUNG-JU! HE IS SO COOL!!
WHERE?! WHERE?! WHERE IS GYUNG-JU?!
THE GIRLS IN GYUNG-JU'S CLASS ARE SO LUCKY THEY GET TO GAZE UPON HIS FACE EVERY SINGLE DAY ALL DAY LONG!
Eeee! Way to go, Gyung-Ju!!
OH, IF ONLY I COULD BE IN HIS CLASS NEXT YEAR!

Don't corner! Don't corner Kim!
UGH! HE IS SO COOL.
Gulp!
GYUNG-JU LEEEEE! GOOOAAL!
CHEOK!
Wee!
와아아
EEEEEE! IT'S ALL ABOUT GYUNG-JU! GYUNG-JU LEE! NUMBER ONE!! LOOK HOW HE SWEATS!!
OH MY GOSH! YUMMY! SO SEXY! EVEN WHEN SWEATY! OH MY GOSH!!
Our bet for black bean noodles...
Hand over the money, loser!
Sob!

AH!! AH?! AH?! WHAT IS THATTTT?! IS THATTTT...?!
NO WAY!! DID HE REALLY TAKE IT OFF?!
EEEEEEE!!
Tsk. Such racket!
LOOK AT HIS TANNED BODY WOW TOTALLY TO DIE FOR!!! MMMM! HE'S SO MANLY!!
Hmph. That guy really acts like he's all that.
GYUNG-JU LEE HE SURE LOOKS PRETTY COOL. EVEN IN THE EYES OF A GUY
HMPH! WHAT'S SO COOL ABOUT HIM? THAT GUY IS SO FULL OF IT! HE'S NOTHING SPECIAL. YET HE'S ALWAYS POSING AS IF HE'S REALLY SOMETHING ELSE.
WHAT'S SO COOL ABOUT GETTING ALL COVERED WITH DUST WHILE SWEATING ON A HOT DAY LIKE THIS, ESPECIALLY SO EARLY IN THE MORNING?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN? HE'S SO TOUGH! NOW THAT'S THE LIFE OF A TRUE MAN
LIFE OF A TRUE MAN? HARDY HAR HAR...FUNNY! REAL FUNNY!!
Fuck that!
AH?!


!!

AH..

..HA HA HA HA..

Ha Ha Ha Ha
Ha!
What are you looking at? Just keep walking!
UM...

HEY! PIL-HYUN JUNG, TEDDY BOY!!
EEK!!

I HEAR THAT YOU'RE KEEPING YOURSELF BUSY THESE DAYS AS USUAL, SEWING YOUR LITTLE TEDDY BEARS?!
YOU KEEP THAT UP--AND YOUR DICK JUST MIGHT JUST FALL OFF!!

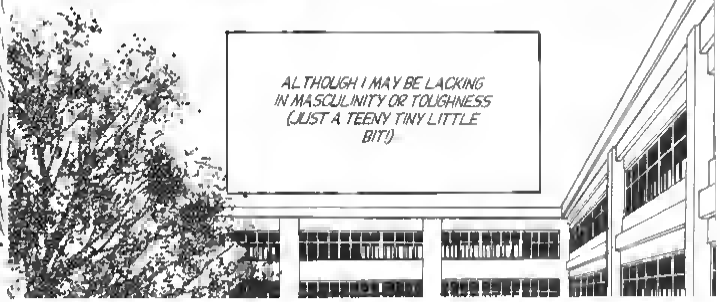
WHOOPS! SORRY! MY BAD, MY BAD. MAYBE IT ALREADY DID?!
Ha ha!
ASSHOLE...

HEY!! GYUNG-JU LEE! HOLD UP!!
?
What? Wait...
MY GUESS IS YOU'RE TOO DUMB TO UNDERSTAND BELIEVING ALL BOYS MUST PLAY SPORTS AND THAT ONLY WOMEN SHOULD EVER PLAY WITH DOLLS IS SUCH OUT-DATED THINKING!
THAT'S A TRULY TIRED STEREOTYPE, YOU OLD-FASHIONED FOOL!!

Somebody's sure defensive...
GULP
Hey...there, there ..life is still worth living, you know?
ALL RIGHT.

IF BELIEVING THAT MAKES YOU FEEL ANY BETTER, GO AHEAD AND BELIEVE IT
PEEPPP!!
Ack!
PIL-HYUN! ARE YOU OKAY?!
IF YOU WERE ME, WOULD YOU BE OKAY?!

I'M PIL-HYUN JUNG!!


ALTHOUGH I MAY BE LACKING IN MASCULINITY OR TOUGHNESS (JUST A TEENY TINY LITTLE BIT!)

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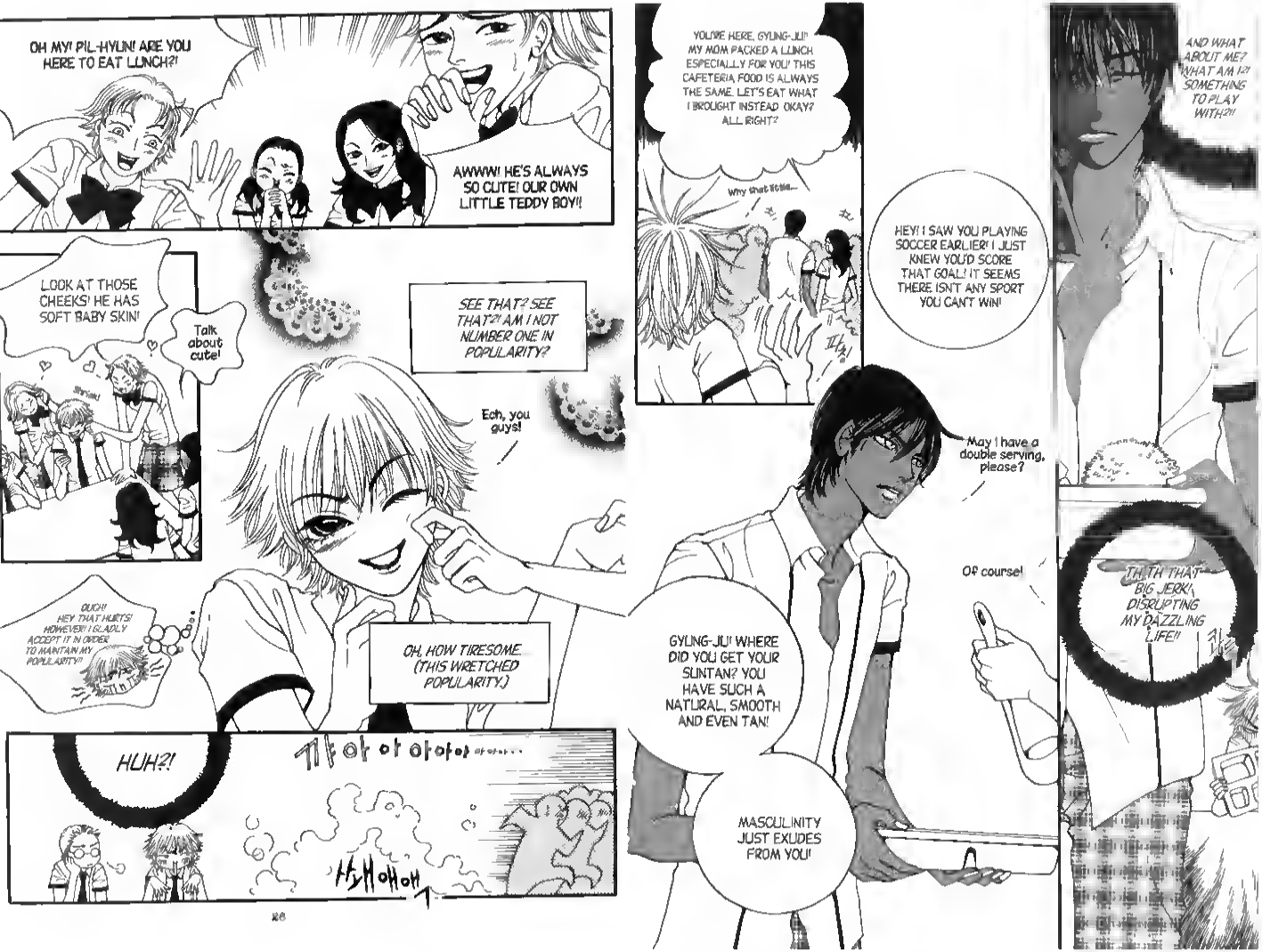
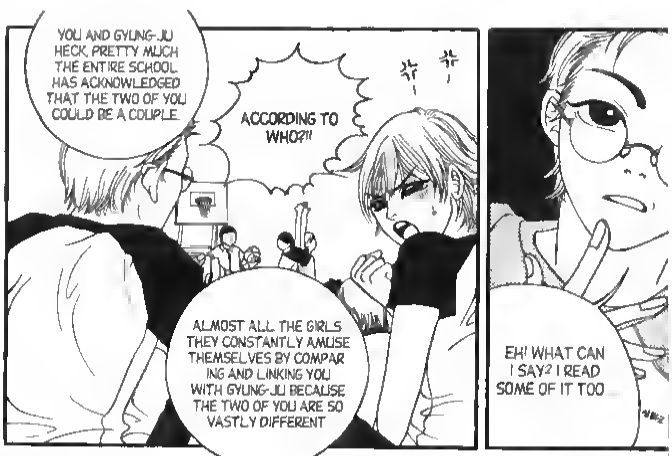
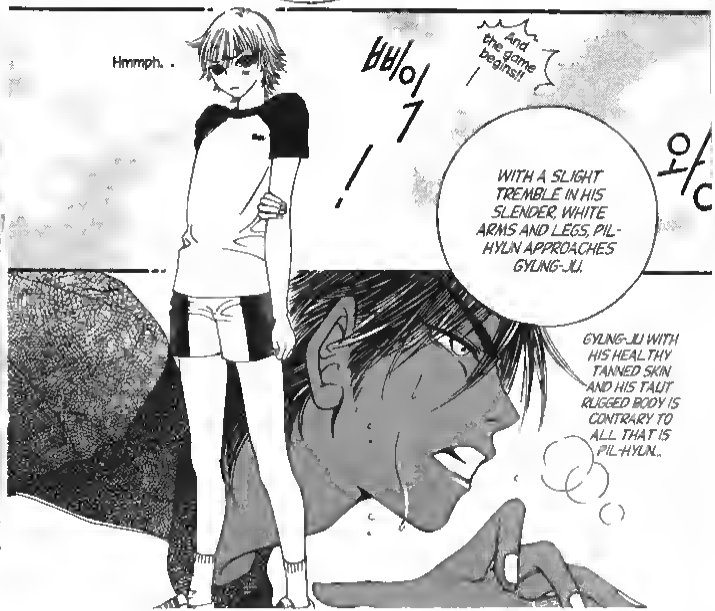
I EMBODY THE PRETTY BOY THAT THIS NEW ERA NEEDS! FOR I ALONE AM THE SPECIAL EDITION, ULTRA-SPECTACULAR PRETTY BOY!!
THIS HERE IS A VERY, VERY IMPORTANT FACT!!
처억!
HELLO, LADIES PLENTY OF FOOD, PLEASE.
AH! IT'S PIL-HYUN! HE'S JUST SO ADORABLE!!
HIS MOTHER MUST BE AWFULLY HAPPY SHE GETS TO SEE HER SON'S CUTE LITTLE ANTICS EACH AND EVERY DAY!
OH FOR SURE! MY OWN SON ACTS SO RUDELY NOW THAT HE'S OLDER THERE'S JUST NOTHING NICE OR CUTE ABOUT HIM LATELY
IN MY FAMILY WE HAVE FOUR ADORABLE GIRLS AND YET NOT A ONE OF THEM COMES EVEN CLOSE TO HIS CUTENESS
Tee Hee!
BYE CUTIE. YOU EAT EVERY THING NOW, OKAY?
A PRETTY BOY WITH LOTS OF POPULARITY THAT'S ME!! PIL-HYUN JUNG!


OH MY! PIL-HYUN! ARE YOU HERE TO EAT LUNCH?!
AWWW! HE'S ALWAYS SO CUTE! OUR OWN LITTLE TEDDY BOY!!
LOOK AT THOSE CHEEKS! HE HAS SOFT BABY SKIN!
Talk about cute!
SEE THAT? SEE THAT?! AM I NOT NUMBER ONE IN POPULARITY?
Eeh, you guys!
OUCH! HEY THAT HURTS! HOWEVER! I GLADLY ACCEPT IT IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN MY POPULARITY!
OH, HOW TIRESOME. (THIS WRETCHED POPULARITY.)
HUH?!
YOU'RE HERE, GYUNG-JU! MY MOM PACKED A LUNCH ESPECIALLY FOR YOU! THIS CAFETERIA FOOD IS ALWAYS THE SAME. LET'S EAT WHAT I BROUGHT INSTEAD OKAY? ALL RIGHT?
Why that little...
HEY! I SAW YOU PLAYING SOCCER EARLIER! I JUST KNEW YOU'D SCORE THAT GOAL! IT SEEMS THERE ISN'T ANY SPORT YOU CAN'T WIN!
May I have a double serving, please?
Of course!
GYUNG-JU! WHERE DID YOU GET YOUR SUNTAN? YOU HAVE SUCH A NATURAL, SMOOTH AND EVEN TAN!
MASCULINITY JUST EXUDES FROM YOU!
AND WHAT ABOUT ME? WHAT AM I?! SOMETHING TO PLAY WITH?!!
TH-TH-THAT BIG JERK! DISRUPTING MY DAZZLING LIFE!!

THAT FLY-LIKE BASTARD GYUNG-JU LEE!!
SOME SAY THAT GYUNG-JU AND PIL-HYUN SHOULD BE A COUPLE!
WHAT?! NOBODY THINKS THAT!!
DON'T BE SO SURE. THAT WAS SPLASHED ALL OVER THE NEWSLETTER THAT THE FIRST-YEAR GIRLS IN THE WRITING CLUB CREATED


YOU AND GYUNG-JU HECK, PRETTY MUCH THE ENTIRE SCHOOL HAS ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THE TWO OF YOU COULD BE A COUPLE.
ACCORDING TO WHO?!!
ALMOST ALL THE GIRLS THEY CONSTANTLY AMUSE THEMSELVES BY COMPARING AND LINKING YOU WITH GYUNG-JU BECAUSE THE TWO OF YOU ARE SO VASTLY DIFFERENT
EH! WHAT CAN I SAY? I READ SOME OF IT TOO


Hmmph. .
And the game begins!!
WITH A SLIGHT TREMBLE IN HIS SLENDER, WHITE ARMS AND LEGS, PIL-HYUN APPROACHES GYUNG-JU.
GYUNG-JU WITH HIS HEALTHY TANNED SKIN AND HIS TAUT RUGGED BODY IS CONTRARY TO ALL THAT IS PIL-HYUN..

GULP?!
THIS GOD AMONG MEN SEES PIL-HYUN SILENTLY APPROACHING, AND THEIR EYES LOCK.
ACK!
TRY AS HE MIGHT, GYUNG-JU COULD NOT TAKE HIS EYES OFF PIL-HYUN'S FLUTTERING EYELASHES AND FULL, RED LIPS
PIL-HYUN STOOD FROZEN IN PLACE LIKE A STONE STATUE AND COULD NO LONGER APPROACH GYUNG JU BECAUSE OF HIS POWERFUL STARE.
WITHOUT TAKING HIS EYES OFF PIL-HYUN, GYUNG-JU SLOWLY OPENED HIS MOUTH.
BALL.

HUH?!
TH-TH THAT'S RIGHT. THE BALL.
PIL-HYUN JUNG! PASS ME THE BALL!
HUH?!
와아아아아!
FOOL!! WHAT THE HECK AM I DOING IN A CLASS TOURNAMENT?!
S'SH SHIT I'VE CLEARLY LOST MY MIND!!

I'M HOME!
OH MY?! OH MY?! OH MY?!!
WHAT HAPPENED! WHAT HAPPENED TO YOUR FACE?!
A SCRATCH ON MY PRECIOUS BABY'S PRETTY FACE! DID YOU GET INTO A FIGHT?! OOOOH, I'M SO UPSET!!
IT-IT-IT JUST HAPPENED
IT'S PERFECTLY NORMAL FOR GUYS TO FIGHT A BIT, TO EVEN GET HURT AND BRUISED A BIT!
HONEY, WHY MUST YOU MAKE SUCH A BIG DEAL OUT OF IT?!!
D-D-DAD...
Why-w-why are you doing that, Dad?
AT LONG LAST YOU'VE FINALLY BEGUN TO OPEN YOUR EYES TO THE SAVAGE NATURE OF A TRUE MAN
Eeek!!
HONEY, PREPARE AN EXTRAVAGANT DINNER SO PIL-HYUN CAN BULK UP HIS MEAGER BODY!
YES DEAR
Look, I thought I was going to be beaten to death!
AS YOU CAN SEE, MY FATHER IS...
Pretty boy during the peak of his life.
Barely has any facial hair, so he never cuts the few that do grow.
Body devoid of muscle tone.
...CLEARLY FIXATED ON MASCULINITY. THIS POSSIBLY STEMS FROM THE DEEP INFERIORITY COMPLEX THAT HE HAS ABOUT HIS OWN APPEARANCE.

Sigh... This is gonna leave a mark!
FOR THIS REASON, MY BROTHERS HAD TO BE SKILLED IN VARIOUS SPORTING ACTIVITIES EVER SINCE THEY WERE EXTREMELY YOUNG.
HELP!
SINCE I COULDN'T LIVE UP TO MY FATHER'S EXPECTATIONS, I WAS ALWAYS OVERLOOKED AND FORGOTTEN.
ALL RIGHT, LET'S EAT!
MEAT HELPS DEVELOP STRONG MUSCLES IN THE BODY! MY SON PIL-HYUN JUNG, TODAY IS YOUR LUCKY DAY! BE SURE TO EAT A LOT!!
BUT HONESTLY, I DO TAKE AFTER MY FATHER IN TERMS OF MY LOOKS...
WHAT'S GOING ON, PIL-HYUN? IS THIS SOME SORT OF SPECIAL DAY?!
MY ELDEST BROTHER, PIL-NAM JUNG. VOCALIST IN A HEAVY METAL GROUP
INDEED!! PIL-HYUN APPARENTLY GOT INTO IT WITH A FRIEND AT SCHOOL. IT'S NOT UNUSUAL FOR BOYS TO GET INTO A FEW FIGHTS, EH? OF COURSE
...I'M GONNA RAISE THAT KID TO BE SO MANLY THAT HE CAN FULFILL MY HOPES, WHICH HAVE NOW LASTED FOR WHAT SEEMS LIKE AN ETERNITY!!
IS THAT REALLY SOME THING TO CONGRATULATE HIM ON LIKE THIS?
I'LL SAY
MY SECOND BROTHER, PIL-DEUK JUNG. TOP STUDENT AT SA HWE GYMNASIUM.
MAYBE OUR BROTHER DIDN'T GET INTO A FIGHT AT ALL? MAYBE HE JUST TRIPPED OVER HIS DRESS AND FELL LIKE LAST TIME?!
WHAT? DON'T YOU REMEMBER? LAST TIME AT THE SCHOOL FESTIVAL, HE WAS MISS SHINHWA! HE WAS WEARING THIS LONG DRESS DURING THE CEREMONY WHEN HE TRIPPED AND FELL... DID HE NOT COME HOME WITH THE SAME SCARS HE HAS ON HIS FACE NOW?!

Owww!
Of course I could be wrong...
Grrrrrrr.
THEY'RE SO FULL OF CRAP, CONVENIENTLY FORGETTING HOW THEY COULDN'T STOP SAYING HOW PRETTY I WAS!!
SO FUCK ALL OF YOU GUYS!
UM, PIL-HYUN? YOUR PINKY?
HUH?
YOU LOUSY LITTLE TWERP! LOOK AT THE WAY YOU DRINK YOUR WATER! I'M GONNA CUT YOUR PUNY PECKER RIGHT OFF!!
AHHHH! DAD! EEEK! NO...NOOOOO!!
DAMN STUPID MEANIES! THEY SHOULD LEARN TO KEEP QUIET!

Stay right where you are! I said stay!
WHIMPER
Pil-Deuk, now if he cuts off Pil-Hyun's you-know-what, would that make him our sister? I've always wanted a little sister!
Not bad for first try. Good luck!

#2. How To Escape From Being A Pretty Boy

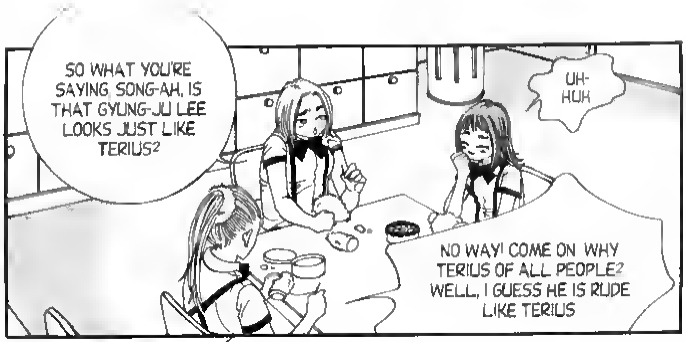
2 - 1
WOW, PIL-HYUN, YOU DRAW SO WELL. YOU'RE THE BEST!!
Huh?
NO, IT'S NOTHING GREAT
TERIUS THE ULTIMATE POSTERBOY OF PRETTY BOYS EVERYWHERE. HEH HEH HEH! FUNNY, HE SURE LOOKS A LOT LIKE ME

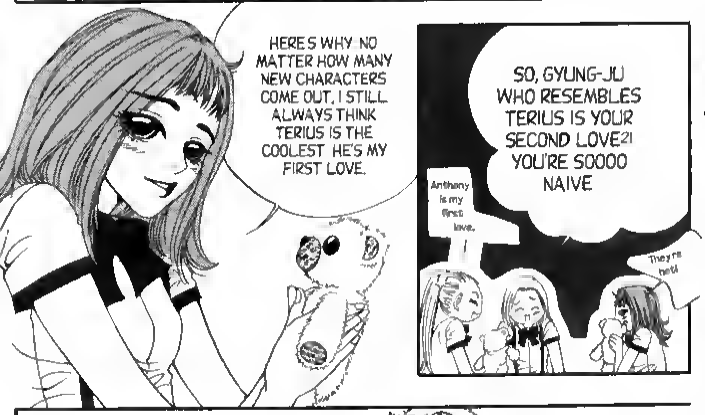
YOU'RE SOOOO PRETTY AND YOU DRAW SOOOO BEAUTIFULLY!
I LOVE PICTURES, BUT I HAVE NO TALENT FOR DRAWING WHATSOEVER! I'M SO ENVIOUS OF PEOPLE WHO ARE GOOD ARTISTS
SONG-AH CHA, AGE 18.
SONG-AH, YOU'RE SO MUCH PRETTIER...
PIL-HYUN ANYBODY WHO HAS A PRETTY BOY LIKE YOU ESPECIALLY ONE WITH SUCH ARTISTIC TALENT AS A BOYFRIEND WILL BE VERY VERY HAPPY
WHOA, SONG-AH IF YOU HIT ON ME THAT OBVIOUSLY I DON'T QUITE KNOW HOW TO REACT...
UM, PIL-HYUN, I HAVE SOMETHING I'D REALLY LIKE TO ASK OF YOU. WILL YOU DO IT FOR ME?
S-SU-SURE. WH-W-WHAT IS IT?!
UM, WELL...
FINALLY! SONG-AH IS CONFESSING HER LOVE FOR ME!!!
I SUPPOSE IT'S KINDA STRANGE FOR A GIRL TO CONFESS HER LOVE FIRST, HUH?!
HONESTLY I'VE LIKED YOU FOR A LONG TIME NOW. I'VE SO WANTED TO DATE YOU. MAYBE WE WILL MAKE TEDDY BEARS TOGETHER?
NO...
I...I LIKE YOU TOO, SONG-AH.
Smooch!
BINGO!!

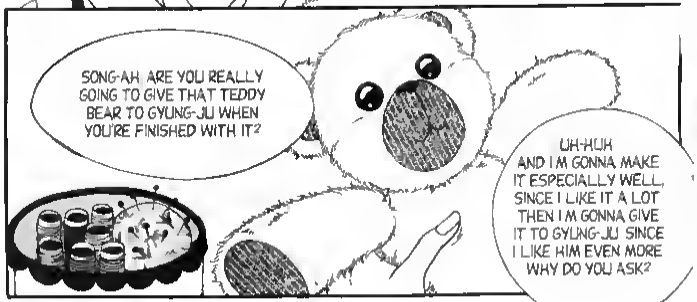
Shriek! Congratulations!!
You two are finally a couple!
But look! Pil-Hyun is shorter than Song-Ah!
The heel! Look, Pil-Hyun is now carrying on his back!
Damn! That's the Kwon-Ju!
BUT I'M STILL SO HAPPY!!
Giggle
PIL-HYUN? WILL YOU DRAW GYUNG-JU FOR ME?
Look at me! I'm so embarrassed!
What?
GYUNG-JU LOOKS SO MUCH LIKE TERIUS, HE'LL BE EASY TO DRAW!
WILL YOU? WILL YOU? PLEASE?!
TSK TSK
HEY, WHAT'S WRONG? WHY ARE YOU SITTING THERE AS IF YOU'RE IN A COMA?!
WHAT HAPPENED?
WHAT'S THIS? ISN'T THAT TERIUS?! WHY ARE YOU STILL DRAWING OLD CHARACTERS LIKE THIS?!
!!
ACK?!!! I MEAN, I'M ONLY SAYING...!
OLD? OLD?!!!
TERIUS IS A LEGENDARY FIGURE! HE REPRESENTS PRETTY BOYS EVERYWHERE!!

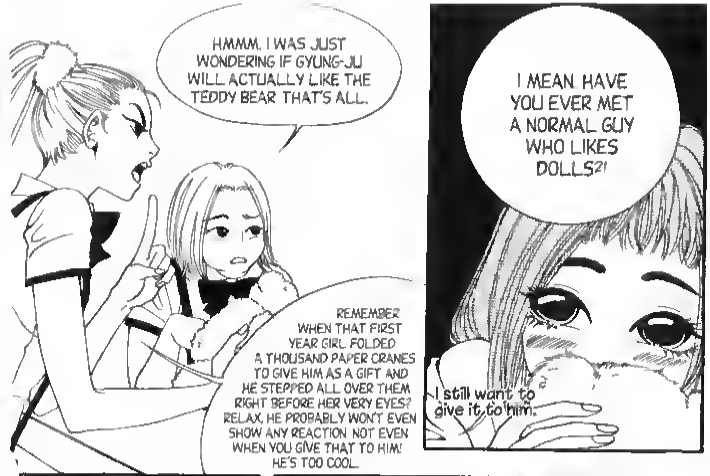
YOU HAVE A TEMPER THAT EASILY FLARES! YOU LOOK AS THOUGH YOU HAVE NO ENERGY LEFT AND THEN, SUDDENLY YOU SPRING RIGHT BACK!
AH...
BOP
HEY, HEY, HEY PRETTY BOY WHAT'S WRONG?
JUST LEAVE ME ALONE. I'M IN FULL BLOWN PANIC MODE RIGHT NOW
If leave you alone, you're just gonna talk me everything anyway!
WHY IS IT? HOW IS IT THAT GIRLS FAIL TO RECOGNIZE THE ONE TRUE PRETTY BOY, PIL-HYUN JUNG?
SURELY IF THEY GOT TO KNOW ME BETTER, THEY'D REALIZE THAT THERE'S NOTHING GYUNG-JU HAS THAT I DON'T! NO WAIT I'M EVEN COOLER THAN GYUNG-JU
OF COURSE. OF COURSE.
Heh—Bingo! heh!
ON TOP OF THAT, I'M CUTE! I'M DELICATE! I'M SO MUCH MORE OBLIGING THAN THAT RUDE BASTARD! AM I NOT THE "PRETTY BOY" THIS AGE NEEDS?!
TELL ME! WHAT?! WHAT EXACTLY DO I LACK?!
That's all true, but...
MANLY CHARISMA!
That is the one weakness you have foolishly overlooked.
SO SOMETHING HAPPENED BETWEEN YOU AND SONG-AH. HUH? WHAT?! DID SONG-AH SAY SHE LIKED GYUNG-JU BETTER THAN YOU TOO?!
MALICIOUS LITTLE BACKSTABBER!
WHAT THE HELL DOES GYUNG-JU LEE HAVE THAT I DON'T?! HONESTLY SPEAKING, AM I NOT THE MUCH MORE HANDSOME ONE?!
WHY AM I TALKING TO YOU?!
LOOK! HEY, EVEN THE LEGENDARY TERIUS DIDN'T EXACTLY SEW, YOU KNOW?
Whoa!
UGH!!

So cute!
SONG-AH CHA
It's Pil-Hyun!
THE SOLE REASON WHY I DREW TERIUS SO DILIGENTLY! THE ONE REASON WHY I MADE THAT TEDDY BEAR EVEN WHILE GETTING SCOLDED BY MY FATHER..
Pil-Hyun? How'd it go?! You finished?
ALL OF IT WAS FOR YOU, SONG-AH
BECAUSE I REALLY LIKE YOU
BUT, BUT, OH, SONG-AH, HOW CAN YOU CHOOSE THAT RUDE BASTARD GYUNG-JU OVER ME?
Peek-
YOUR TERIUS IS ME! PIL-HYUN JUNG!!
TERIUS?!

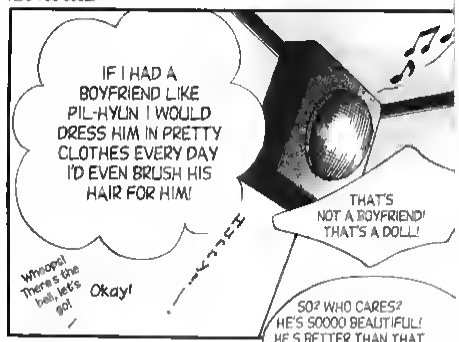

SO WHAT YOU'RE SAYING SONG-AH, IS THAT GYUNG-JU LEE LOOKS JUST LIKE TERIUS?
UH-HUH
NO WAY! COME ON WHY TERIUS OF ALL PEOPLE? WELL, I GUESS HE IS RUDE LIKE TERIUS

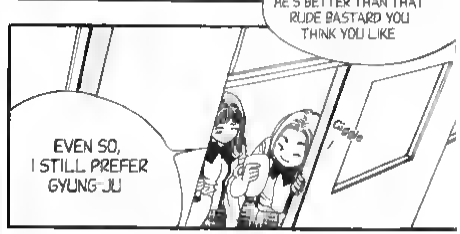

HERE'S WHY NO MATTER HOW MANY NEW CHARACTERS COME OUT, I STILL ALWAYS THINK TERIUS IS THE COOLEST HE'S MY FIRST LOVE.
SO, GYUNG-JU WHO RESEMBLES TERIUS IS YOUR SECOND LOVE?! YOU'RE SOOOO NAIVE
Anthony is my first love.
They're twins!


SONG-AH, ARE YOU REALLY GOING TO GIVE THAT TEDDY BEAR TO GYUNG-JU WHEN YOU'RE FINISHED WITH IT?
UH-HUH AND I'M GONNA MAKE IT ESPECIALLY WELL, SINCE I LIKE IT A LOT THEN I'M GONNA GIVE IT TO GYUNG-JU SINCE I LIKE HIM EVEN MORE WHY DO YOU ASK?


HMMM. I WAS JUST WONDERING IF GYUNG-JU WILL ACTUALLY LIKE THE TEDDY BEAR THAT'S ALL.
REMEMBER WHEN THAT FIRST YEAR GIRL FOLDED A THOUSAND PAPER CRANES TO GIVE HIM AS A GIFT AND HE STEPPED ALL OVER THEM RIGHT BEFORE HER VERY EYES? RELAX, HE PROBABLY WON'T EVEN SHOW ANY REACTION NOT EVEN WHEN YOU GIVE THAT TO HIM! HE'S TOO COOL.
I MEAN HAVE YOU EVER MET A NORMAL GUY WHO LIKES DOLLS?!
I still want to give it to him.

RIGHT! YOU MEAN BESIDES PIL-HYUN! NOW HE LOVES TEDDY BEARS! HIS NICKNAME IS TEDDY BOY!
WHAT?!
SONG-AH, I SUGGEST YOU DATE PIL-HYUN. YOU GUYS HAVE SUCH SIMILAR INTERESTS AND HE SURE IS CUTE! HE'S A PRETTY BOY, AND A VERY POPULAR ONE TOO


IF I HAD A BOYFRIEND LIKE PIL-HYUN I WOULD DRESS HIM IN PRETTY CLOTHES EVERY DAY I'D EVEN BRUSH HIS HAIR FOR HIM!
Whoops! There's the bell, let's go!
Okay!
THAT'S NOT A BOYFRIEND! THAT'S A DOLL!


SO? WHO CARES? HE'S SOOOO BEAUTIFUL! HE'S BETTER THAN THAT RUDE BASTARD YOU THINK YOU LIKE
EVEN SO, I STILL PREFER GYUNG-JU
Giggle

AHH?!
ART CLASS
PIL-HYUN IS FAR TOO MUCH LIKE A GIRL. WHY, HE REALLY IS JUST LIKE A PRECIOUS LITTLE DOLL.
P-PI-PIL-HYUN, WHEN DID YOU GET HERE?! YOU SURPRISED US!
What is he overhearing?!
HERE, TAKE THIS
IT'S THAT PICTURE YOU ASKED ME TO DRAW
I guess he didn't hear. Whew!
AH! THANK YOU!

LIKE A GIRL?!
I'M NOT MANLY ENOUGH?!!
WHAT?! SHOULD I TAKE OFF MY PANTS AND PROVE OTHERWISE?!! SOB!
Ha Ha Ha!
ACK?!
what the hell was that?
GET OUTTA HERE, SICKO! HOW DARE YOU BE IN MY WAY!

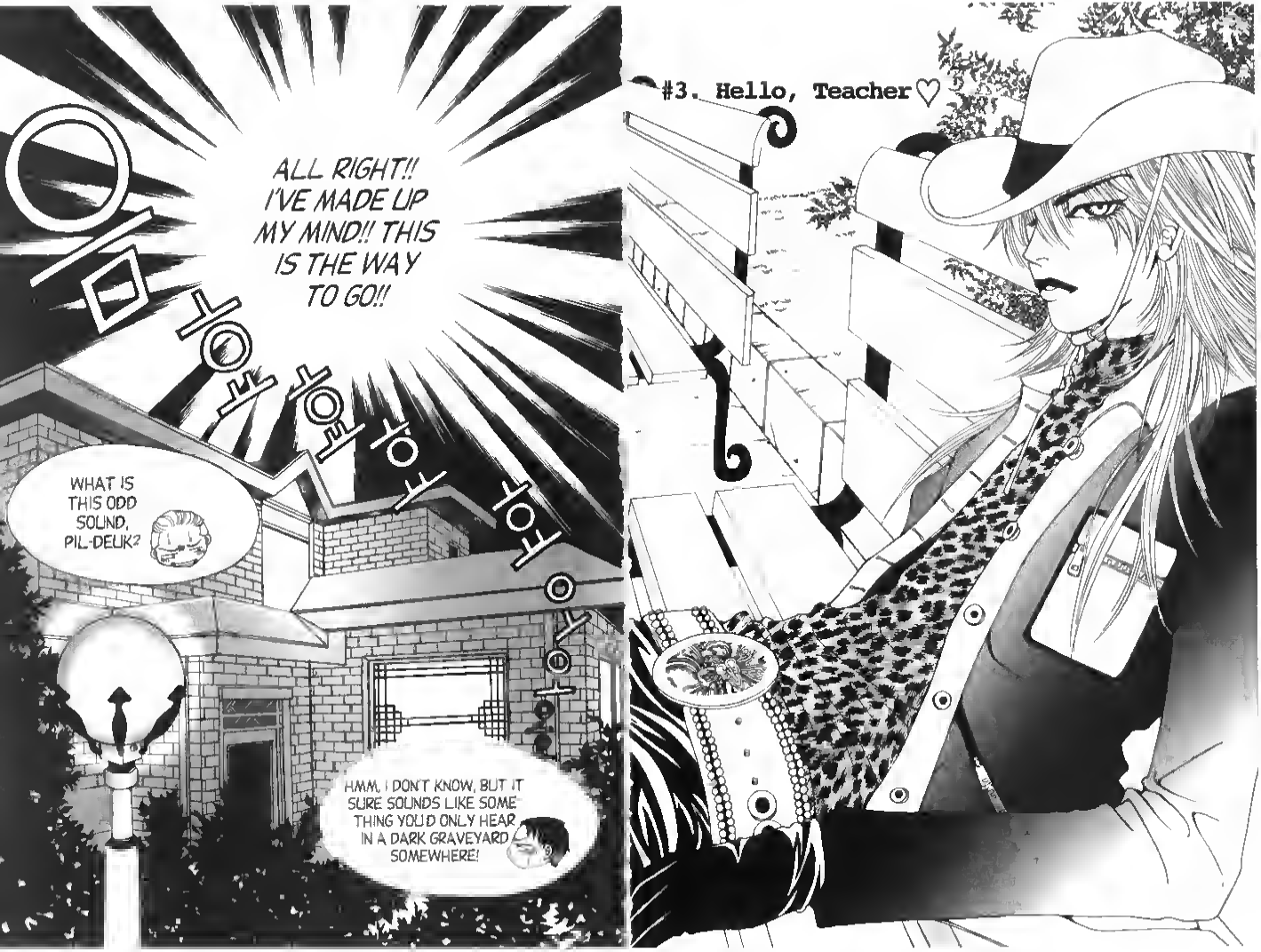
GYUNG-JU LEE...
...?!
OUT OF MY WAY, CRYBABY! I DON'T WANT YOUR MUCUS ALL OVER MY CLOTHES!
What else could it be, you ass-hole?!
YOU!
OH, OH...
YOU MAKE ME SICK!!
oh-my~
GAG

SO, PIL-HYUN JUNG ISN'T MANLY ENOUGH?
YOU SAY I LOOK LIKE A PRETTY LITTLE GIRL, IS THAT IT?
I'M GOING TO ANALYZE EACH AND EVERY MALE CHARACTER THAT THE GIRLS LIKE AND BECOME JUST LIKE THEM!
HMPHH! GYUNG-JU LEE?! SOON HE WON'T EVEN BE GOOD ENOUGH TO KISS MY FEET!!
UGH... THIS IS PRETTY HEAVY...
AND I WON'T CARE IF YOU DO REGRET YOUR DECISION, SONG-AH CHA.
SLAM!
I WONDER IF THERE'S ANYTHING ELSE THAT'D BE GOOD?!
HUFF...
JUST WAIT, SONG-AH CHA. WITH ALL THESE COMIC BOOKS TO GUIDE ME, I'M GONNA BECOME THE COOLEST GUY YOU'VE EVER LAID EYES ON
TEEN TEEN

ACK!
!!!
HEY! SORRY! I'M SO SORRY MY MIND WAS SOMEWHERE ELSE.
HUH?!
WHAT IS ALL THIS?
HUH? THESE ARE ALL "HOW TO ESCAPE FROM BEING A PRETTY BOY" VOLUMES...
BOK NAM PARK?! UGH! SUCH AN UN-FASHIONABLE NAME!

Ah...
That's practically the speed of light!
Gasp?!
WHOA! TALK ABOUT CHARISMA!!
Man, that's fast!
EEK?!
THAT.. THAT MAN..
WAS SO COOL!!

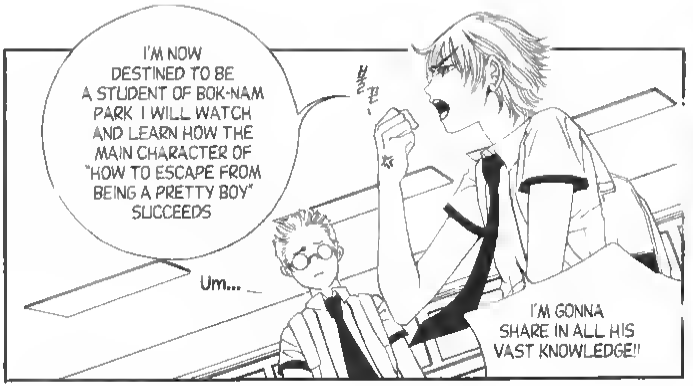
IS IT A SIN TO BE SO BEAUTIFUL?!
YOU'RE NOT LIKE A MAN TO ME.
WHAT?! THEN WHAT WAS I TO YOU? SOME SILLY PLAY THING?
OKAY! FINE! I'M GONNA BE A COOL GUY TOO!
MAN, THIS IS SO INSPIRING!
THIS IS MY STORY
LET'S JUST WAIT AND SEE ONE DAY! I WILL BECOME THE COOL GUY!!
END OF HOW TO ESCAPE FROM BEING A PRETTY BOY VOLUME 1

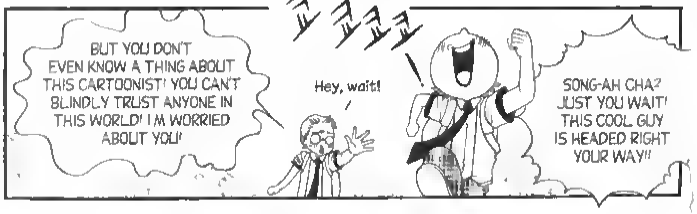

#3. Hello, Teacher♡
ALL RIGHT!! I'VE MADE UP MY MIND!! THIS IS THE WAY TO GO!!
YOOO

Listen you!
The paint's
not dry yet!

HI THERE!
GET OUTTA HERE!

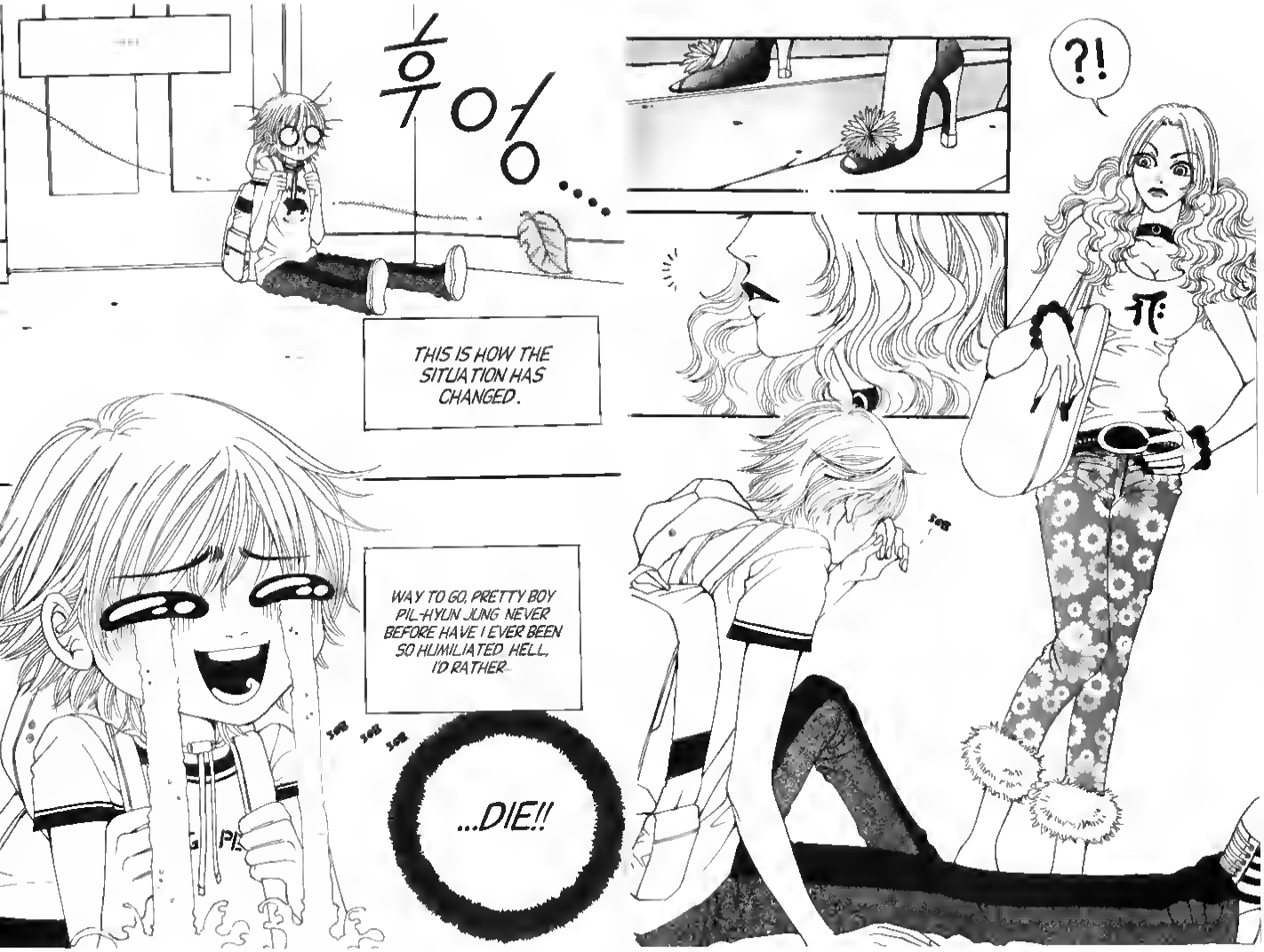
SLAM
AH HA HA HA!
BIG PETE
QUALITY MEAT
shatter
PRETTY BOY PIL-HYUN JUNG! EVERYTHING SHATTERED WITH JUST ONE SHOT.
ONLY THREE HOURS EARLIER
SO.
YOU'RE OFF TO MEET THE CARTOONIST BOK-NAM PARK?!
YEP. FOR I BELIEVE THAT HE ALONE WILL KNOW THE NECESSARY SECRETS TO TRANSFORM ME INTO THE COOLEST OF GUYS
BUT I THOUGHT YOU WERE MORE STRUCK BY THAT MYSTERY MAN YOU RAN INTO AT THE BOOKSTORE?!
THAT'S TRUE. BUT HOW WOULD I EVER FIND HIM AGAIN?! SO IT MAKES MORE SENSE TO GO IN SEARCH OF THE AUTHOR OF "HOW TO ESCAPE FROM BEING A PRETTY BOY"
BESIDES, THAT MAN WAS CLEARLY A FAN OF THE BOOK!
Why, he even bought a whole stack of them!


I'M NOW DESTINED TO BE A STUDENT OF BOK-NAM PARK. I WILL WATCH AND LEARN HOW THE MAIN CHARACTER OF "HOW TO ESCAPE FROM BEING A PRETTY BOY" SUCCEEDS
Um...
I'M GONNA SHARE IN ALL HIS VAST KNOWLEDGE!!


BUT YOU DON'T EVEN KNOW A THING ABOUT THIS CARTOONIST! YOU CAN'T BLINDLY TRUST ANYONE IN THIS WORLD! I'M WORRIED ABOUT YOU!
Hey, wait!
SONG-AH CHA? JUST YOU WAIT! THIS COOL GUY IS HEADED RIGHT YOUR WAY!!

NO, NO! THAT CAN'T BE! IT WAS SO HARD FOR ME TO GET HERE!

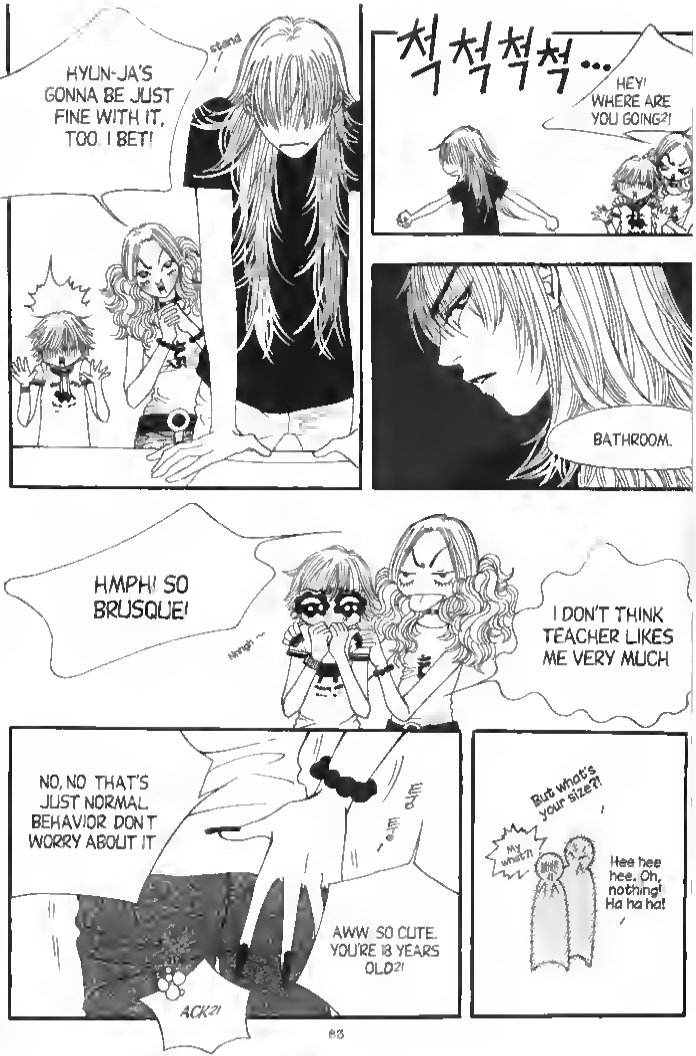
GREETINGS, TEACHER BOK-NAM PARK!
MY NAME IS PIL-HYUN JUNG AND I'M YOUR NUMBER-ONE FAN!!
I READ YOUR FIRST BOOK "HOW TO ESCAPE FROM BEING A PRETTY BOY" AND WAS SO TOUCHED BY IT THAT I'VE COME HERE NOW TO BE YOUR DISCIPLE!!
PLEASE PLEASE TAKE ME AS YOUR DISCIPLE
PLEASE, I BEG YOU!!
Y-Y-YOU?!
Y-YOU-YOU'RE THAT GUY! UH, I MEAN, BOK-NAM PARK?! IS THAT YOU?!!
YEAH. SO?
WE RAN INTO EACH OTHER A FEW DAYS AGO AT THE BOOKSTORE, RIGHT? DO YOU REMEMBER THAT BY ANY CHANCE? WOW! I'M SO THRILLED, I SO WANTED TO MEET YOU AGAIN!
Shriek!
UGH.
Teacher? Will you be my guide?
GET OUTTA HERE!!!


후아...
THIS IS HOW THE SITUATION HAS CHANGED.
?!
WAY TO GO, PRETTY BOY PIL-HYUN JUNG. NEVER BEFORE HAVE I EVER BEEN SO HUMILIATED. HELL, I'D RATHER...
...DIE!!

Scratch Scratch
UM.
GASP! OH MY GOD!!
FORGIVE ME?!
OH MY?! WHO ARE YOU? AND WHY ARE YOU CRYING IN FRONT OF A HOUSE THAT ISN'T YOURS?
WHAT?

AH, I REALLY DON'T HAVE ANY IDEAS FOR THIS.
...damn story.
Sigh...
A BEAUTIFUL BOY! A REALLY GOOD-LOOKING BEAUTIFUL BOY!!
AND GUESS WHAT? HE WANTS TO BE YOUR PUPIL!
I DON'T WISH IT!!
!
HELLOOO!
Stick
BOK-NAM! HELLOOOOO?!
DO YOU KNOW WHAT THIS AH-YUNG SOHN, YOUR LADY LUCK, HAS PICKED UP?!
THROW IT OUT.
YOU MUST FIRST LOOK AT HIM CLOSELY! THEN DECIDE!
YIKES!
ACK?! WHAT? WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU DOING? LET GO OF ME!
NOW LOOK!!

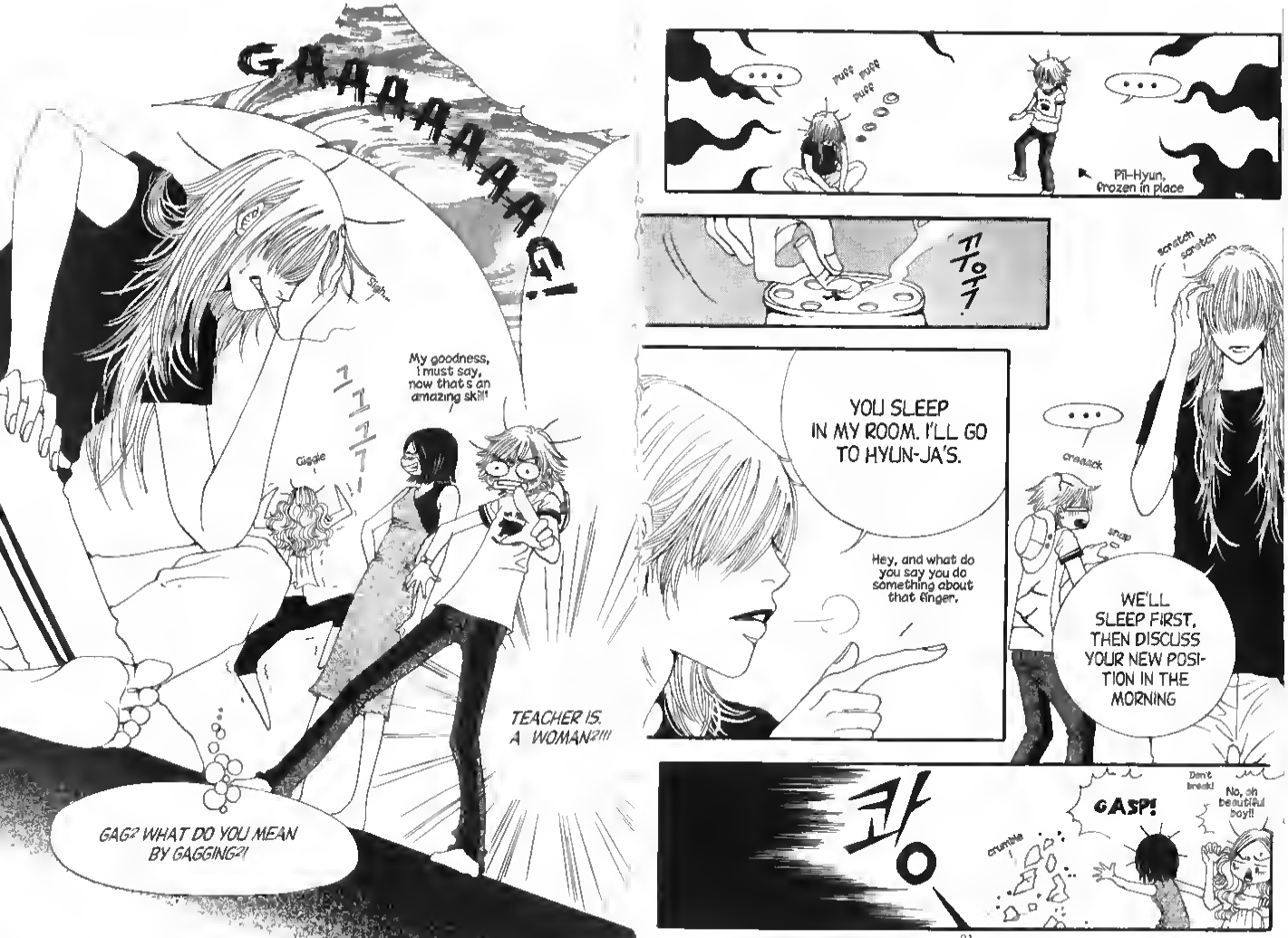
Gulp!
H-HE-HELLO, TEACHER
WELL WHAT DO YOU THINK?! PRETTY, HUH?! YOU LIKE?! HIS NAME IS PIL-HYUN JUNG STARTING TODAY, HE'S YOUR NEW PUPIL. RIGHT? RIGHT? YOU CONSENT TO IT, RIGHT?
Smile! Smile!
Grin!
...


HYUN-JA'S GONNA BE JUST FINE WITH IT, TOO, I BET!
Stomp
척척척척...
HEY! WHERE ARE YOU GOING?!
BATHROOM.
HMPH! SO BRUSQUE!
Hmph
I DON'T THINK TEACHER LIKES ME VERY MUCH
NO, NO. THAT'S JUST NORMAL BEHAVIOR. DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT.
AWW. SO CUTE. YOU'RE 18 YEARS OLD?!
ACK?!
But what's your size?!
My waist?!
Hee hee hee. Oh, nothing! Ha ha ha!

HELLO, TEACHER!
HE SURE IS PRETTY CUTE!!
WHAT? AN INTERN?!
AND HE'S ONLY IN HIGH SCHOOL?! ARE YOU CRAZY? THAT'S NOT GONNA HELP US AT ALL!
PLUS, WHENEVER BOK-NAM HAS A DEADLINE WE ALWAYS PITCH IN OURSELVES! WHY WOULD WE NEED AN INTERN? IT'S JUST GONNA BE BOTHERSOME!!
WELL, PERHAPS...
WHAT DO YOU MEAN, "PERHAPS"? WE DON'T NEED AN INTERN! END OF STORY.
?!!

HEY WELCOME HOME.
AH?!
GASP!!
WE'D BETTER DECIDE ON WHERE YOU SHOULD CRASH, HUH?!
와아
MY ROOM'S THE LARGEST, SO I GUESS HE'LL BE SLEEPING WITH ME!
Sharl
NO!! PIL-HYUN HASN'T EVEN UNPACKED HIS THINGS YET!!
He's mine!
I tell you, relax. I'm lacking energy.
It's not just you, you know!
Ack!
UM..ER WELL...
WELL, I MEAN, OKAY, THEN IF
Heh heh!
HI THERE! MY NAME IS PIL-HYUN JUNG
DOES THIS MEAN YOU'RE ALL TRULY ACCEPTING ME HERE?
OF COURSE! NO QUESTION ABOUT IT!
Great!
THANK YOU. I'LL WORK VERY HARD!
Now they're running the entire show by themselves, aren't they?
OKAY, SO WE DIDN'T NEED AN INTERN BEFORE BUT THESE DAYS AH-YUNG AND I ARE BOTH SO BUSY WITH OUR OWN WORK AT THE OFFICE, IT'S NOT SO EASY FOR US TO HELP BOK-NAM!
I WAS JUST THINKING THAT WE COULD REALLY USE AN INTERN TO HELP OUT
Silly me! I completely forgot all about it. I'm such a scatter-brain!
Hmph!
THIS IS A FORTUNATE COINCIDENCE.

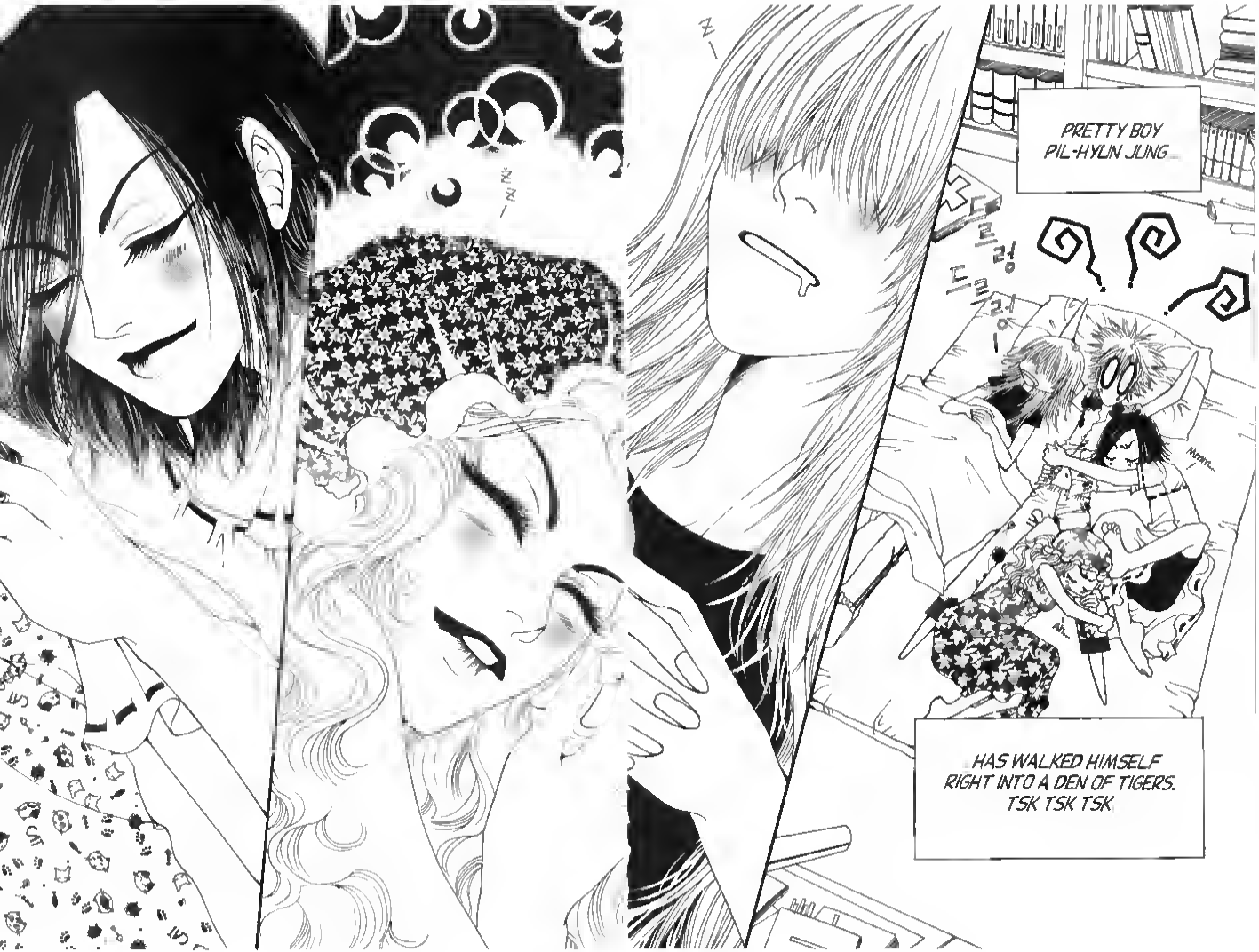
UH, OKAY...IF IT'S ALL RIGHT WITH EVERYBODY I'D REALLY LIKE TO SLEEP WITH TEACHER BOK-NAM PARK! (UH, WHOOPS! GEE, THAT DIDN'T QUITE COME OUT RIGHT!)
BECAUSE, WELL, LOOK, I'M A GUY AND SO I THINK IT'D BE BEST FOR ME TO CRASH WITH ANOTHER GUY.
BIG PETE
TSK! POOR BOK-NAM. WHAT CAN I SAY? JUST YOUR LOT IN LIFE I GUESS
Giggle
Giggle
WHAT?!!
PUAHAHAHAHAHA
HUH?!
MR. PIL-HYUN, I FEEL I HAD BEST INFORM YOU THAT TEACHER BOK-NAM PARK
...IS MOST DEFINITELY A FEMALE WITH TWO X CHROMO-SOMES!
YEAH, OKAY, A FEMALE... SO WHAT?!


GAAAAAAAG!
Sigh
My goodness, I must say, now that's an amazing skill!
Giggle
TEACHER IS A WOMAN?!!!
GAG? WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY GAGGING?!
YOU SLEEP IN MY ROOM. I'LL GO TO HYUN-JA'S.
Hey, and what do you say you do something about that finger.
Pil-Hyun, frozen in place
scratch scratch
creak
snap
WE'LL SLEEP FIRST, THEN DISCUSS YOUR NEW POSITION IN THE MORNING
GASP!
crumble
Don't break!
No, oh beautiful boy!!

THERE WILL BE THINGS THAT YOU NEED TO BE MORE CAREFUL ABOUT IF YOU'RE GONNA LIVE WITH US
I UNDERSTAND
I CAN'T BELIEVE I'VE ALREADY STARTED OFF ON THE WRONG FOOT HERE!
LIKE EARLIER. THAT COMMENT ABOUT BOK-NAM. HEH HEH THAT'S A PRETTY SENSITIVE ISSUE
NOW I'M NOT TOO PICKY, BUT THOSE TWO— THEY GET A BIT HYSTERICAL.
WE GET A BIT WHAT?!!!
Tee hee hee!
NO. IT'S NOTHING I WAS MERELY SAYING THAT YOU GUYS CAN BE RATHER DELICATE.
PIL-HYUN, WE'LL HAVE A BLAST WORKING TOGETHER!
JUST TRUST ME!
A-ALL RIGHT
LET'S SLEEP.
WAIT! NO! NO! I WANNA SLEEP WITH HIM! WAIT! NOOOOO!

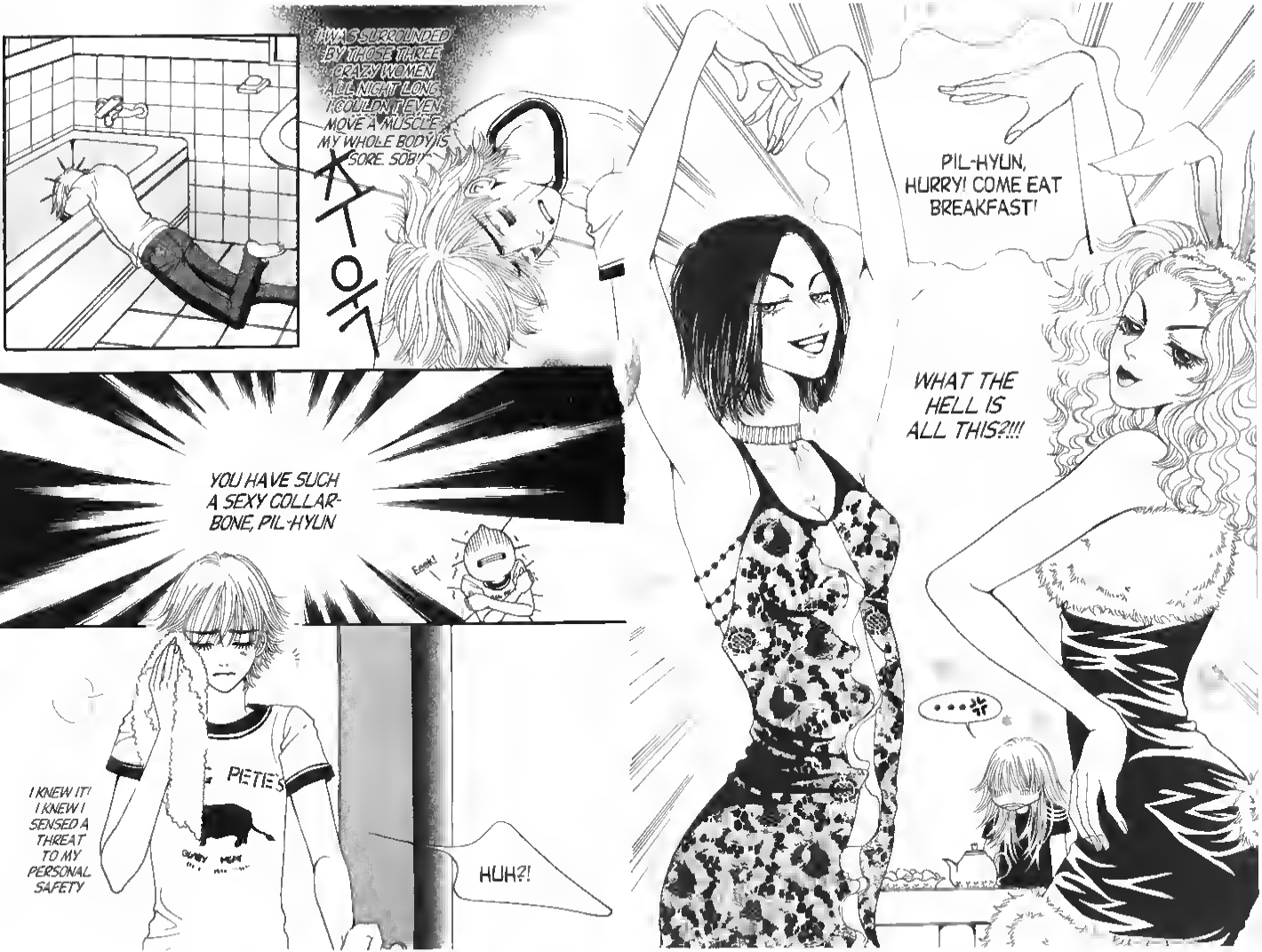
FOR SOME REASON, I SENSE A SLIGHT THREAT TO MY PERSONAL SAFETY
NO NO WAY! SHE WOULDN'T DARE! I'M JUST OVERLY ANXIOUS BECAUSE IT'S MY FIRST NIGHT HERE!
STILL...
I MUST PROTECT MY BODY!! BUT SHE WOULDN'T POUNCE ON ME IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT, WOULD SHE?
That girl is scary
Whew
BOK-NAM PARK!! A WOMAN!!
You better watch yourself, kiddo.
BUT HER NAME "BOK" STANDS FOR BLESSINGS AND "NAM" EVEN MEANS MAN, DOESN'T IT?! AND THEN THERE'S HER APPEARANCE AND...
SHE'S A WOMAN! AND SHE'S SO COOL! BUT WHAT DOES THAT MAKE ME?!
whine whine
I don't know what to do.

WELL, IT WAS A BIT STARTLING AT FIRST, I GUESS, BUT IF HER COOL DEMEANOR WERE TO RUB OFF ON ME, I WOULD THEN BECOME A REALLY COOL MAN MYSELF!
IN ANY CASE, HOW FORTUNATE THAT TOMORROW IS SUNDAY. I CAN THEN GO HOME, TO RETRIEVE THE REST OF MY BELONGINGS.
Time now for Pil-Hyun to sleep.
HUH?
H-HUH?
GOD, IT'S SO STUFFY ..?!
HUH?
tingle
WHAT THE HELL?!


PRETTY BOY
PIL-HYUN JUNG
HAS WALKED HIMSELF
RIGHT INTO A DEN OF TIGERS.
TSK TSK TSK

Queens
#4. You're So Cool, Teacher!

AAAHHH!
Oh my.
I told her to just wake him up, tsk.
SORRY! ARE YOU AWAKE NOW?!
YOU HAVE SUCH A SEXY COLLARBONE, PIL-HYUN. NOW GET UP QUICKLY IT'S TIME FOR BREAKFAST

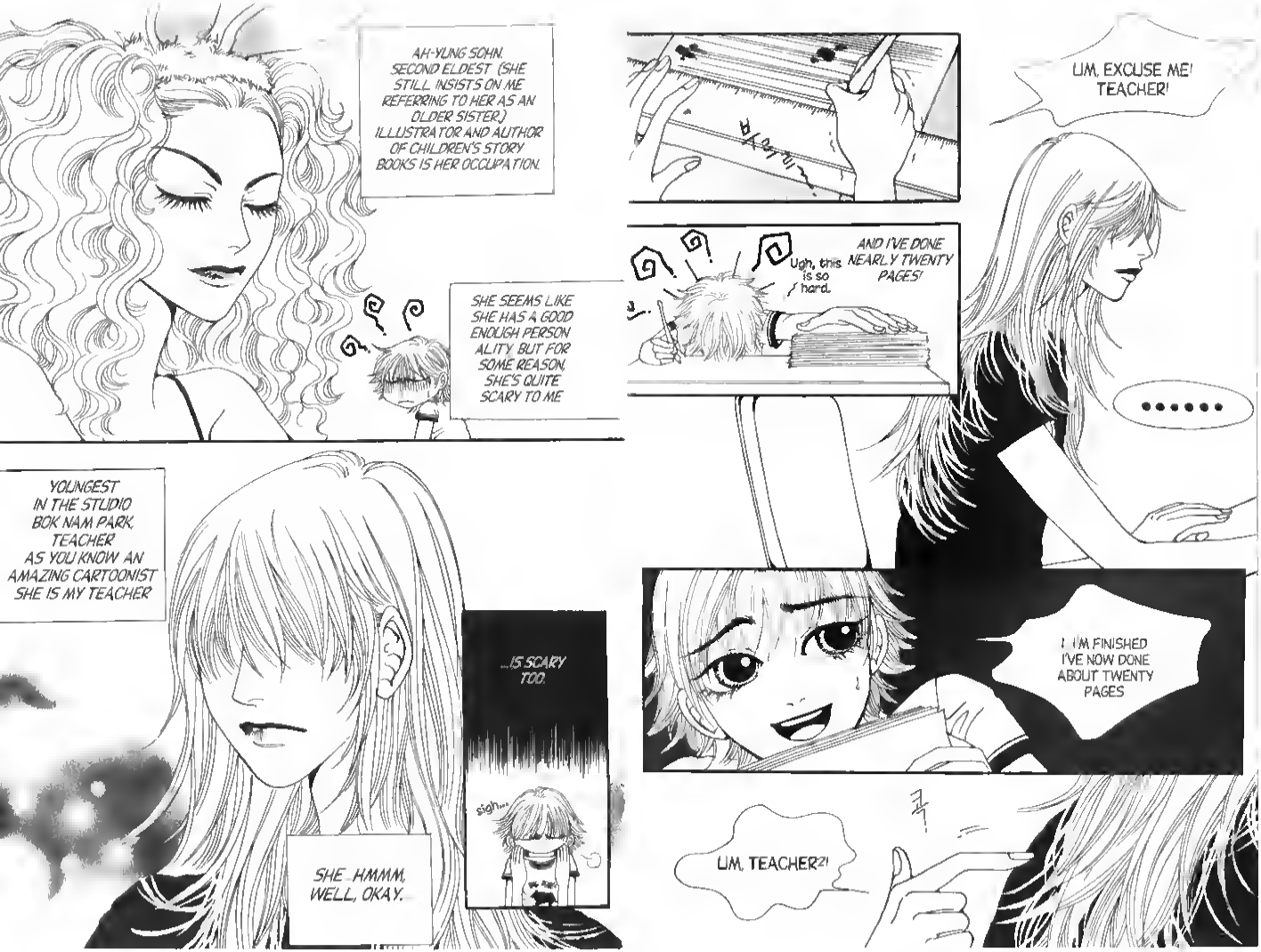

I WAS SURROUNDED BY THOSE THREE CRAZY WOMEN ALL NIGHT LONG. I COULDN'T EVEN MOVE A MUSCLE. MY WHOLE BODY IS SORE. SOB!
YOU HAVE SUCH A SEXY COLLAR-BONE, PIL-HYUN
Eeek!
I KNEW IT! I KNEW I SENSED A THREAT TO MY PERSONAL SAFETY
PETIES
HUH?!
PIL-HYUN, HURRY! COME EAT BREAKFAST!
WHAT THE HELL IS ALL THIS?!!!

WOW! TALK ABOUT EXTRAVAGANT! IS TODAY SOME SPECIAL OCCASION?!
A rabbit? Why the rabbit costume? Are you playing dress up?!
NO, NO, WE DRESS UP IN THESE ON A REGULAR BASIS
Rest too, salad, sandwich... when did we start eating like this?!
Shut up! Just eat!
WERE YOU UNCOMFORTABLE LAST NIGHT?! I KNOW IT WAS YOUR FIRST TIME SLEEP ING HERE, SO IT MIGHT HAVE BEEN A BIT STRANGE FOR YOU
BIG
UM...
SIGH YOU SILLY, IMMATURE LITTLE GIRLS WHO WOULD'VE KNOWN YOU'D CRAWL RIGHT INTO HIS BED?
OH MY! LOOK WHO'S TALKING!!
I MERELY WENT IN TO CHECK ON PIL HYUN AND MAKE SURE HE WAS SLEEPING ALL RIGHT WITHOUT KICKING OFF HIS BLANKET OR ANYTHING
ME TOO!!
munch
Eeeek!
EEEEKK!!
PETE
BATHROOM

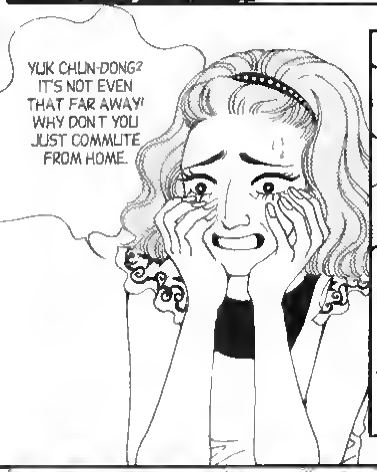
I WENT TO THE BATHROOM AND BY A MERE FORCE OF HABIT I NATURALLY WANDERED RIGHT BACK INTO MY VERY OWN ROOM.
Hmph!
YEAH, A LIKELY EXCUSE.
Ahh! The Pinky!
A WALL...
AT THAT MOMENT. LOOKING AT TEACHER'S BACK, I THOUGHT I SAW A HUGE WALL.

WELL, IT'S FUNNY. SOMETIMES HOW YOU THINK IT'LL BE DIFFICULT TO GET TO KNOW A PERSON, OR EVEN FEEL THAT A PERSON IS JUST SO DIFFERENT FROM YOU. YOU KNOW, SOMETHING LIKE THAT
THAT'S TRULY HOW I FELT SINCE OUR FIRST MEETING, BUT..
PUT THE PEN AGAINST THE RULER AND LIGHTLY DRAW THE LINE JUST LIKE THIS
UM, OKAY..
THESE DAYS BOK-NAM IS SO BUSY WITH HER LATEST STORYLINE THAT SHE HAS NO ENERGY TO SPARE. SO I'LL BE TEACHING YOU THE BASIC THINGS
YES YES
AS I TOLD YOU EARLIER, BEFORE I BECAME AN ILLUSTRATOR FOR CHILDREN'S BOOKS, I WAS AN ASPIRING CARTOONIST, MYSELF
SO JUST TRUST ME
RIGHT HOW AM I SUPPOSED TO TRUST HER?!
This is sexual harassment- Sexual harassment!!
ALL RIGHT NOW LOOK CAREFULLY!
BIG
BUMP!
BUMP!
ACCKKKK!!

THIS IS WHY I HAVE NO REAL OPPORTUNITY TO GET ANY CLOSER TO MY ACTUAL TEACHER!
Aww... You really are too cute, Yuri!
Teacher... Help!
Strange, my ears suddenly itch!
WOW! ALL THREE OF THEM HAVE SUCH GREAT CONCENTRATION
NO WONDER THEY'RE PROFESSIONALS
I GUESS MAYBE I SHOULDN'T DISTURB THEM?!
THERE, I'M DONE. UGH, IT'S KINDA CROOKED, THOUGH
TEACHER! I'M ALL FINISHED
UM, TEACHER?!
HYUN-JA LEE THE ELDEST AND MOST EXPERIENCED TEACHER IN THE STUDIO COSTUME DESIGNER BY TRADE.
AT FIRST, I THOUGHT THE THREE OF THEM WERE SISTERS BUT NO, THEY ONLY LIVE TOGETHER. THEY SAY THAT THEY CAME TO DO SO BECAUSE ALL THREE WORK IN THE ARTS OR ARTS-RELATED FIELDS.

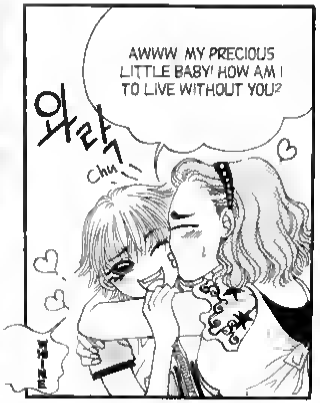

AH-YUNG SOHN. SECOND ELDEST (SHE STILL INSISTS ON ME REFERRING TO HER AS AN OLDER SISTER.) ILLUSTRATOR AND AUTHOR OF CHILDREN'S STORY BOOKS IS HER OCCUPATION.
SHE SEEMS LIKE SHE HAS A GOOD ENOUGH PERSON ALITY. BUT FOR SOME REASON, SHE'S QUITE SCARY TO ME
YOUNGEST IN THE STUDIO BOK NAM PARK. TEACHER AS YOU KNOW AN AMAZING CARTOONIST SHE IS MY TEACHER
SHE... HMMM, WELL, OKAY.
...IS SCARY TOO.
sigh...
Ugh, this is so hard.
AND I'VE DONE NEARLY TWENTY PAGES!
UM, EXCUSE ME! TEACHER!
I I'M FINISHED I'VE NOW DONE ABOUT TWENTY PAGES
UM, TEACHER?!

SNORE
NO! NO WAY?!!
(SLEEPING BEAUTY!!)
I WAS VERY MUCH DECEIVED!!
Teacher:
Pil-Hyun will go home to pick up the rest of his belongings
Bow
I GUESS IT WOULD PROBABLY BE BEST FOR ME TO GO IN THE MORNING ANYWAY


YUK CHUN-DONG? IT'S NOT EVEN THAT FAR AWAY! WHY DON'T YOU JUST COMMUTE FROM HOME.

THERE'S SO MUCH I NEED TO LEARN MOM. IF I GO TO SCHOOL FIRST, THEN HOME, THEN TO WORK THERE WON'T BE ENOUGH TIME TO LEARN IT

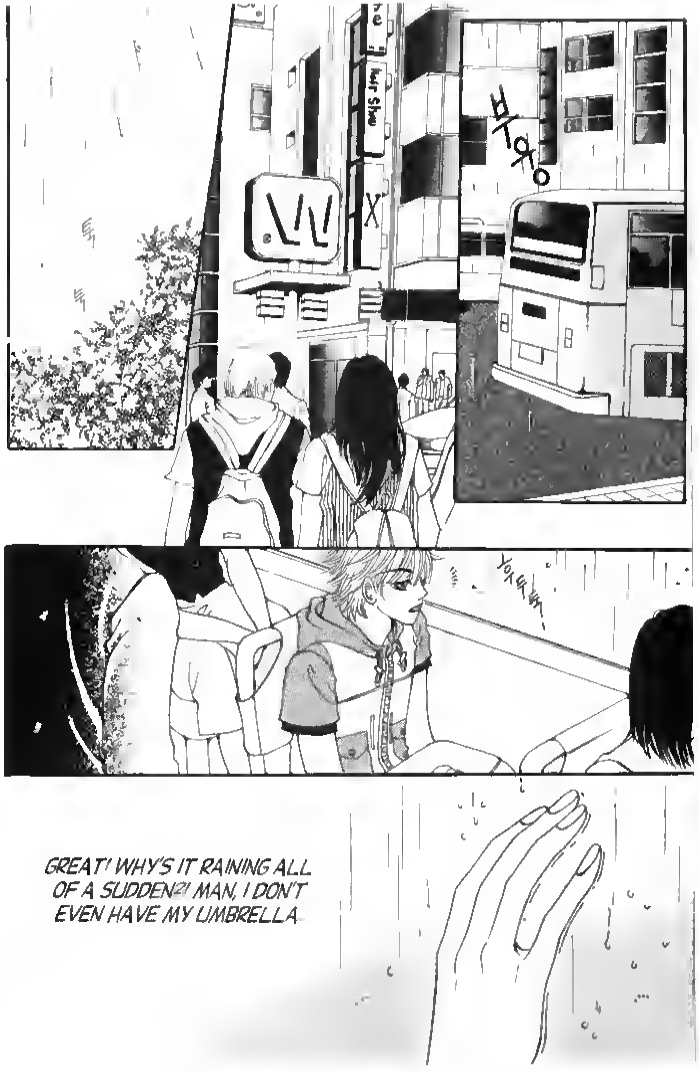
ON-TOP OF THAT, CARTOONISTS USUALLY WORK AT NIGHT, SO I CAN'T COME HOME AT NIGHT, MOM. IT'S SIMPLY NOT AN OPTION.
Shh!
AND, HEY, LET'S KEEP THIS A SECRET FROM DAD, OKAY?!


AWWW MY PRECIOUS LITTLE BABY! HOW AM I TO LIVE WITHOUT YOU?
Chu~

YOU KNOW WHEN I WAS PREGNANT WITH YOU I REALLY WANTED A DAUGHTER SO I TOOK A LOT OF CHINESE HERBAL MEDICINE. MAYBE THAT'S WHY YOU'RE SO PRETTY
Okay, that's not something I wanna hear...

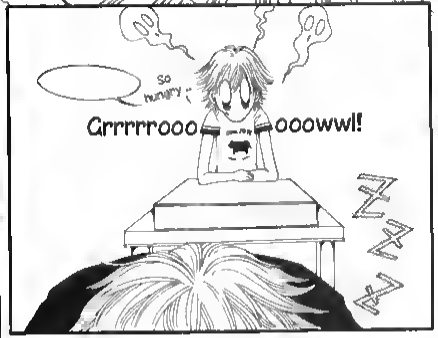
DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME, MOM. I'LL BE BACK! AND SOON!
PIL HYUN YOU EAT ALL YOUR MEALS AND BE SURE TO COME HOME ON THE WEEKENDS, OKAY?!
YES MOM.

WHERE'S TINKERBELL OFF TO?!
!
HE'S ..UH, TRYING OUT FOR THE SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM, SO HE'S MOVING INTO THE DORMITORY
WOW, I GUESS THE SCHOOL MUST REALLY BE DESPERATE THIS YEAR?! OR MAYBE HE'S GOING IN AS "ENTERTAINMENT" FOR THE TEAM
Ha
Ha
Ha!
Formerly a professional volleyball player.
SMACK
OH MY IT'S ALMOST TIME FOR DAD TO COME HOME ! MUST PREPARE DINNER!
Ugh!
wiggle
wiggle


Kurt Shaw
YOKATA
YOKATA
GREAT! WHY'S IT RAINING ALL OF A SUDDEN?! MAN, I DON'T EVEN HAVE MY UMBRELLA

HUH?!
TH-TH-THAT'S--?!
GYUNG-JU LEE AND SONG-AH CHA?!!!
SONG-AH, SONG-AH, YOU REALLY, TRULY.

ARE YOU TRYING TO CAST ME ASIDE?! A PRETTY BOY LIKE ME? IMPOSSIBLE!!
72-1
SIR! STOP THE BUS!!
thud
SO THAT'S HOW IT IS THE TWO OF YOU ALONE ON A DATE, WALKING TOGETHER UNDER YOUR ONE UMBRELLA?!
FINE! GOOD, I SAY! GYUNG-JU LEE!! JUST YOU WAIT! THE DAY WHEN PIL-HYUN JUNG BECOMES MUCH COOLER THAN YOU IS NOT FAR AWAY!
TEACHER! PIL-HYUN IS BACK!!



Great, how depressing. First I get drenched in the rain with a broken heart, and now even my stomach is empty.
plunk
GROOOO

달그락
EAT.
Kimchi fried rice
NOW IN THE FUTURE WHENEVER YOU'RE HUNGRY, OPEN THE FRIDGE AND FIND YOURSELF SOMETHING TO EAT
DON'T WAIT UNTIL YOU'RE STARVING
YES! I UNDERSTAND!
AH...
TH-THANK YOU FOR THE MEAL
TEACHER! THIS IS SO DELICIOUS!
UM...
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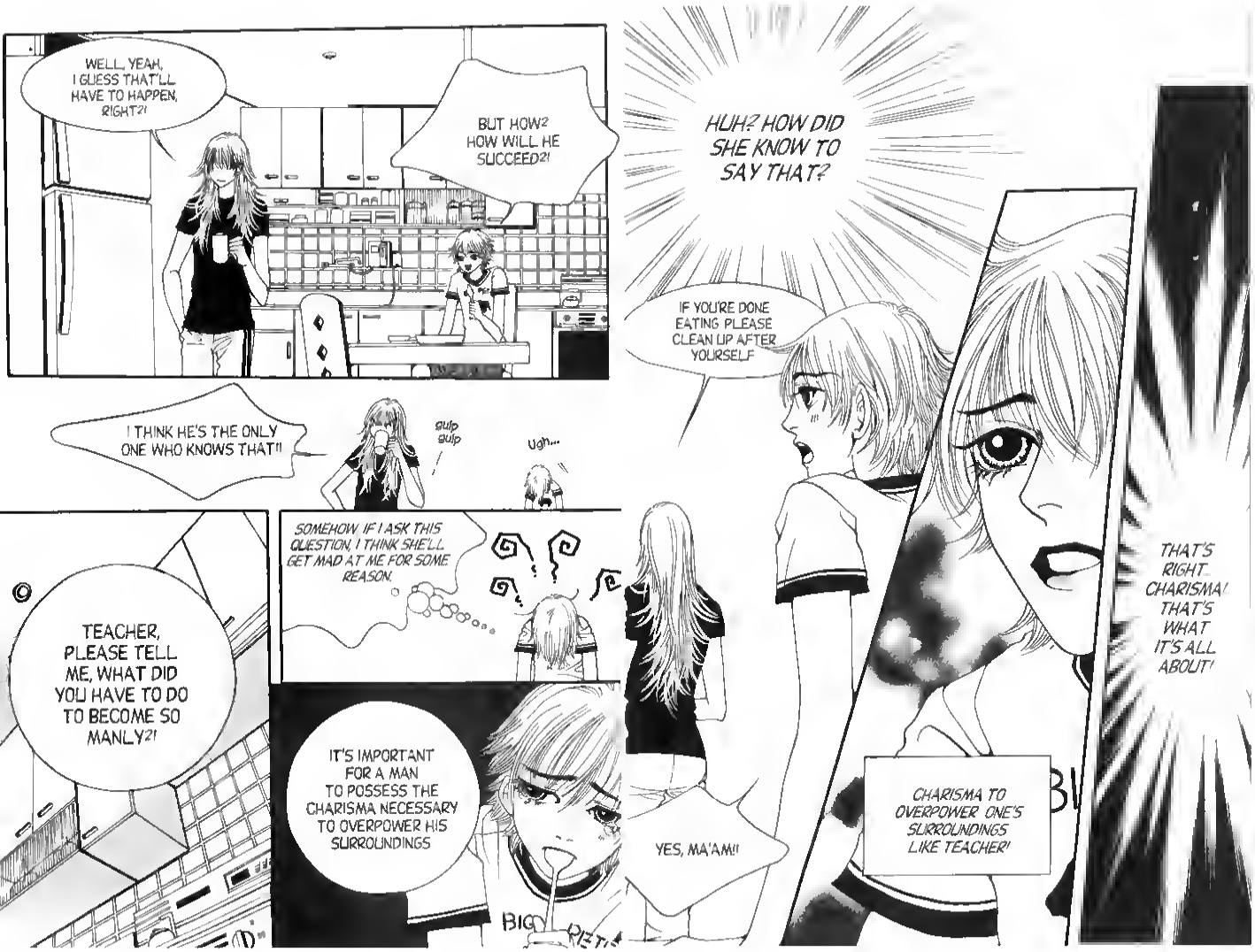
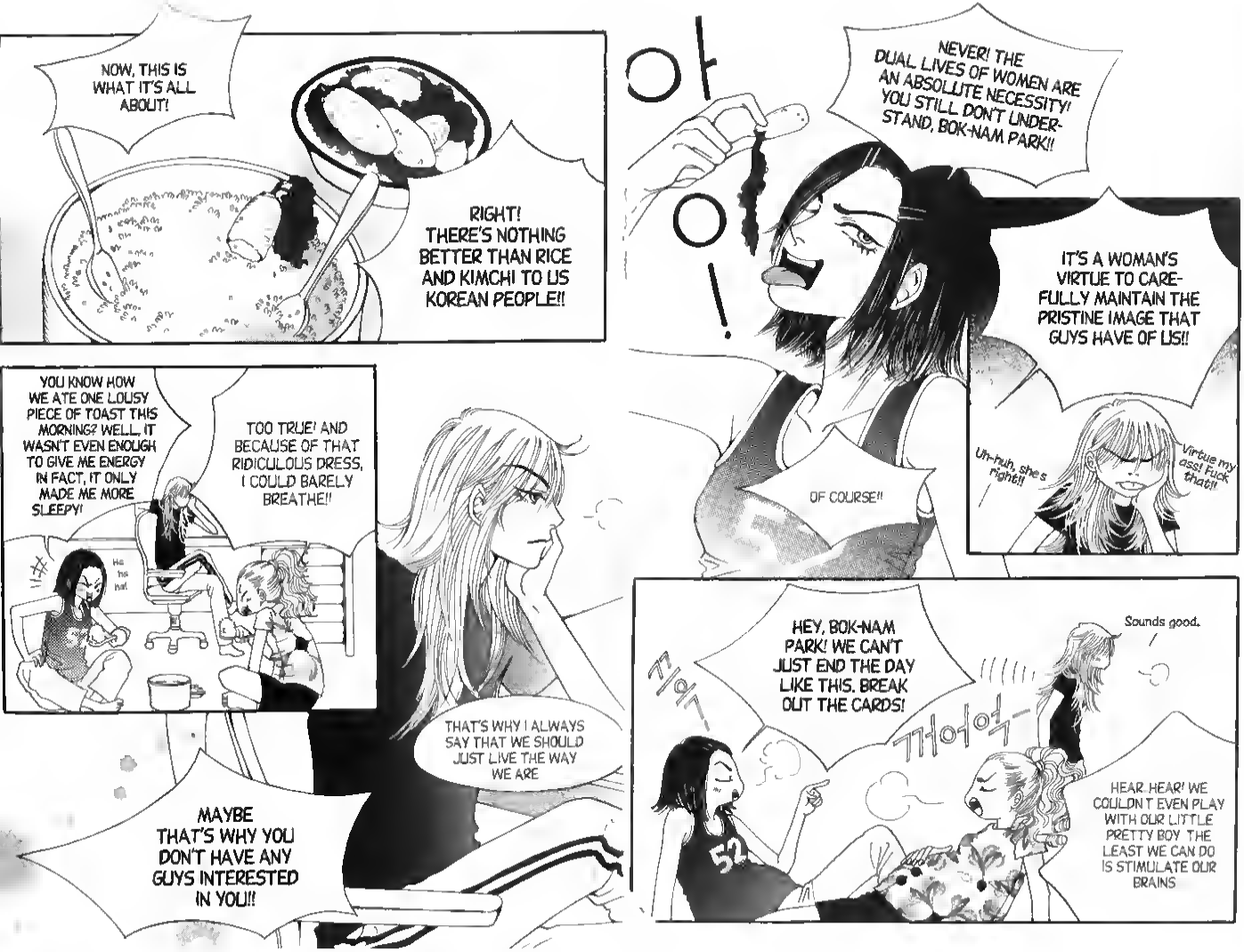
AHHH
TEACHER?
BIG
DOES THE MAIN CHARACTER IN YOUR BOOK ULTIMATELY ESCAPE FROM BEING A PRETTY BOY?


WELL, YEAH, I GUESS THAT'LL HAVE TO HAPPEN, RIGHT?!
BUT HOW? HOW WILL HE SUCCEED?!
I THINK HE'S THE ONLY ONE WHO KNOWS THAT!!
gulp gulp
Ugh...
TEACHER, PLEASE TELL ME, WHAT DID YOU HAVE TO DO TO BECOME SO MANLY?!
SOMEHOW, IF I ASK THIS QUESTION, I THINK SHE'LL GET MAD AT ME FOR SOME REASON.
IT'S IMPORTANT FOR A MAN TO POSSESS THE CHARISMA NECESSARY TO OVERPOWER HIS SURROUNDINGS
HUH? HOW DID SHE KNOW TO SAY THAT?
IF YOU'RE DONE EATING PLEASE CLEAN UP AFTER YOURSELF
YES, MA'AM!!
CHARISMA TO OVERPOWER ONE'S SURROUNDINGS LIKE TEACHER!
THAT'S RIGHT, CHARISMA! THAT'S WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT!

TEACHER, YOU'RE SO COOL! YOU TRULY ARE MY TEACHER!!
WHAT THE HECK?!
I TOLD YOU! WHAT DID I SAY?! WE WOKE UP TOO EARLY IN THE MORNING.
Shut up, you!
Zzz
WHAT THE HELL! WE SLEPT THE WHOLE DAY THROUGH ON THIS GOLDEN SUNDAY, ESPECIALLY WITH OUR NEW SOURCE OF ENTERTAINMENT RIGHT BESIDE US!
GRUMBLE
WHAT THE HECK?


NOW, THIS IS WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT!
RIGHT! THERE'S NOTHING BETTER THAN RICE AND KIMCHI TO US KOREAN PEOPLE!!
YOU KNOW HOW WE ATE ONE LOUSY PIECE OF TOAST THIS MORNING? WELL, IT WASN'T EVEN ENOUGH TO GIVE ME ENERGY IN FACT, IT ONLY MADE ME MORE SLEEPY!
TOO TRUE! AND BECAUSE OF THAT RIDICULOUS DRESS, I COULD BARELY BREATHE!!
THAT'S WHY I ALWAYS SAY THAT WE SHOULD JUST LIVE THE WAY WE ARE
MAYBE THAT'S WHY YOU DON'T HAVE ANY GUYS INTERESTED IN YOU!!
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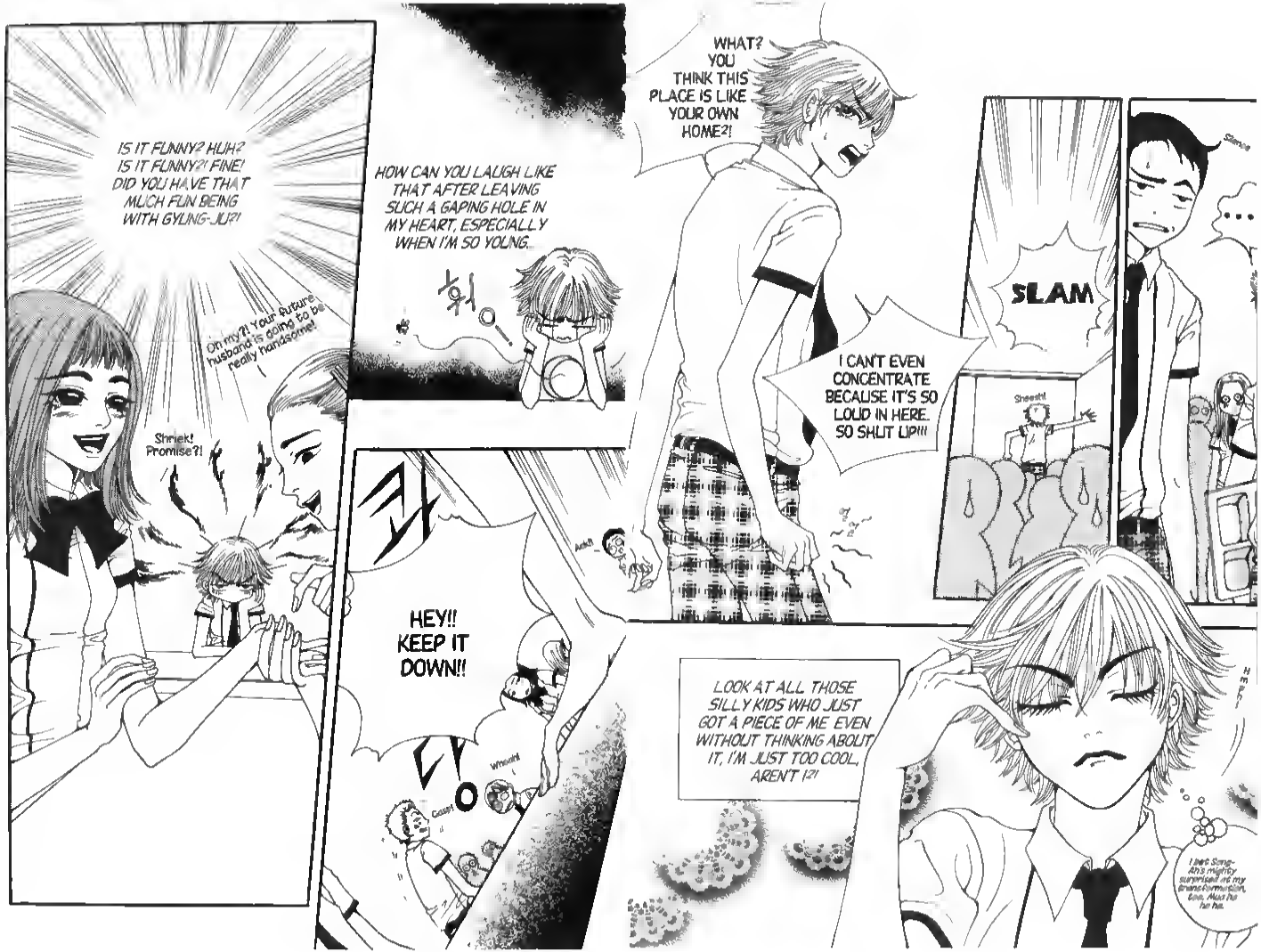
NEVER! THE DUAL LIVES OF WOMEN ARE AN ABSOLUTE NECESSITY! YOU STILL DON'T UNDERSTAND, BOK-NAM PARK!!
OF COURSE!!
IT'S A WOMAN'S VIRTUE TO CAREFULLY MAINTAIN THE PRISTINE IMAGE THAT GUYS HAVE OF US!!
Uh-huh, she's right!!
Virtue my ass! Fuck that!!
HEY, BOK-NAM PARK! WE CAN'T JUST END THE DAY LIKE THIS. BREAK OUT THE CARDS!
Sounds good.
HEAR, HEAR! WE COULDN'T EVEN PLAY WITH OUR LITTLE PRETTY BOY. THE LEAST WE CAN DO IS STIMULATE OUR BRAINS.

#5. Mission I: Overpower Your Surroundings

AH!
PIL-HYUN?
HEY, PIL-HYUN JUNG!
HELLO! I WAS CALLING YOUR NAME! HOW COME YOU DIDN'T TURN AROUND?! WHAT ARE YOU SO BUSY THINKING ABOUT?!
OH, YOU DID?
WAIT! WHAT HAPPENED? SOMETHING HAPPENED, DIDN'T IT? SOMETHING BAD HAPPENED THERE
AT LEAST THAT'S WHAT I'D LIKE TO TELL EVERYONE.
Sob!
YES, SHE'S A WOMAN! AMAZING, ISN'T IT?!!
OF COURSE! IT'S BIG NEWS. SO, IT TURNS OUT THAT BOK-NAM PARK AND MR CHARISMA I SAW AT THE BOOK-STORE ARE ONE AND THE SAME!
TURNS OUT THAT HE IS A SHE! MAKING HIM/HER MISS CHARISMA!
WHAT HAPPENED? DID IT WORK? ARE YOU BOK-NAM PARK'S DISCIPLE?
UH-HUH
UH-HUH? UH-HUH? WHAT DO YOU MEAN, "UH-HUH"? THAT'S IT? COME ON! EXPLAIN! YOU KNOW, DETAILS...
Dang! I was so excited to hear.

HOWEVER!! GIRLY GOSSIPING ISN'T GOING TO HELP ME OBTAIN THE CHARISMA I NEED TO FULLY OVERPOWER MY SURROUNDINGS!!
INSTEAD I NEED TO REMAIN EXPRESSIONLESS AND PROJECT FIRMNESS IN MY SPEECH (LIKE TEACHER)
LOOK, I'M DOING JUST FINE MIND YOUR OWN DAMN BUSINESS
Muahahaha! That little dweeb. He's quaking with fear now!
TREMBLE
THAT GUY
Scratch
..HE MUST BE OFFENDED BY SOMETHING?!
웅성 웅성...
How pretty!
This ring! My boyfriend bought it for me!
SONG-AH CHA
UM...


IS IT FUNNY? HUH? IS IT FUNNY?! FINE! DID YOU HAVE THAT MUCH FUN BEING WITH GYUNG-JU?!
Oh my?! Your future husband is going to be really handsome!
Shriek! Promise?!
HOW CAN YOU LAUGH LIKE THAT AFTER LEAVING SUCH A GAPING HOLE IN MY HEART, ESPECIALLY WHEN I'M SO YOUNG...
WHAT? YOU THINK THIS PLACE IS LIKE YOUR OWN HOME?!
I CAN'T EVEN CONCENTRATE BECAUSE IT'S SO LOUD IN HERE. SO SHUT UP!!!
SLAM
Sheesh!
HEY!! KEEP IT DOWN!!
Ack!
Whoa!
Gasp!
LOOK AT ALL THOSE SILLY KIDS WHO JUST GOT A PIECE OF ME EVEN WITHOUT THINKING ABOUT IT. I'M JUST TOO COOL, AREN'T I?!
HEE!
I bet Sung-Ah's mighty surprised at my transformation, too. Must be ha ha.

CAN'T CONCENTRATE BECAUSE IT'S TOO LOUD? WHAT? HOW BAD DO YOU NEED TO CONCENTRATE TO EAT YOUR FOOD?!
HE'S A TOTAL WHACKJOB
WHAT GOT INTO HIM?!
AWWW EVEN WHEN HE'S UPSET HE LOOKS SO CUTE!
PIL-HYUN IS CUTE NO MATTER WHAT HE DOES!
RIGHT SONG-AH?
HUH?! SORRY WHAT DID YOU JUST SAY?
OH MY?! LOOK AT HER! YOU DON'T EVEN CARE WHAT WE WERE TALKING ABOUT. HUH?! WAS IT THAT NICE?! YOUR PRETTY LITTLE DAYDREAM?!
NO! I...UH...
WHEW! GET A LOAD OF HER! PLAYING DUMB! WE HEARD ALL ABOUT HOW YOU MET GYUNG-JU IN THE CITY YESTERDAY! ISN'T THAT WHAT YOU'RE THINKING ABOUT RIGHT NOW?
SO DID YOU TALK TO HIM? WHAT DID YOU TALK ABOUT?! I'M SO CURIOUS! TELL ME QUICKLY!
WELL...THAT...
DON'T KEEP US IN SUSPENSE! COME ON! SPILL IT!!

AH?!
GYUNG-JU?!
ZIZ
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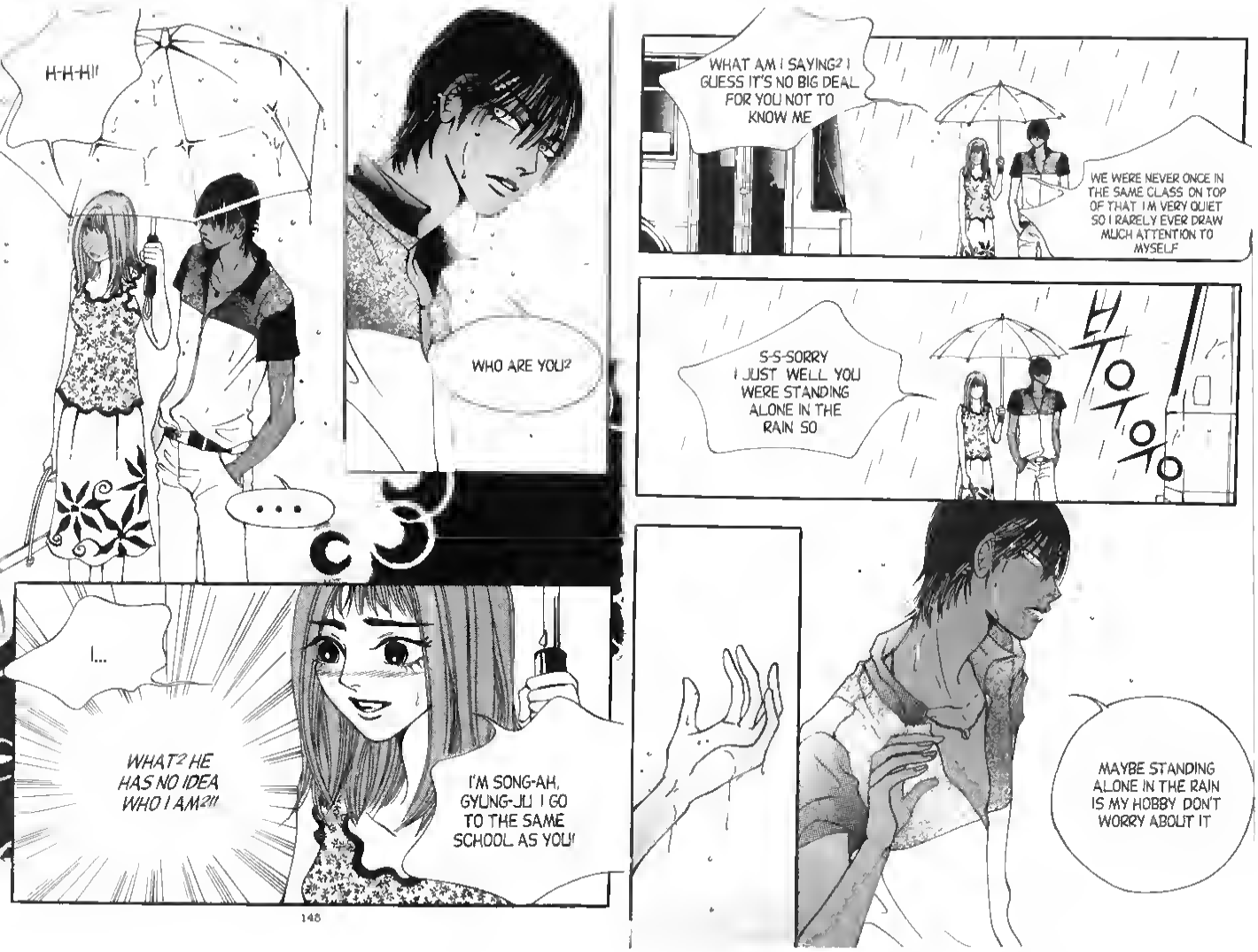
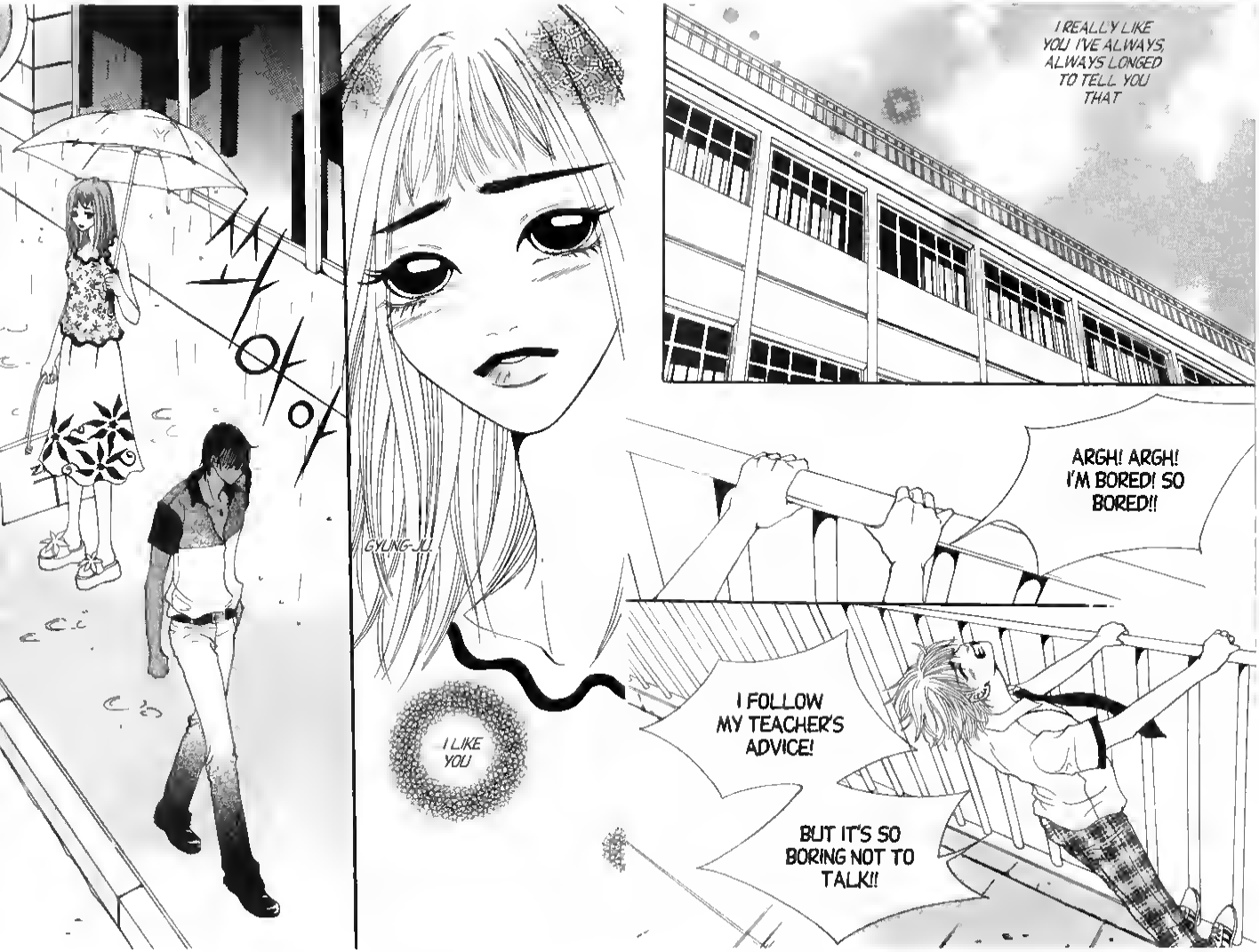

H-H-H!!
WHO ARE YOU?
...
I...
WHAT? HE HAS NO IDEA WHO I AM?!!
I'M SONG-AH, GYUNG-JU. I GO TO THE SAME SCHOOL AS YOU!
WHAT AM I SAYING? I GUESS IT'S NO BIG DEAL FOR YOU NOT TO KNOW ME
WE WERE NEVER ONCE IN THE SAME CLASS ON TOP OF THAT I'M VERY QUIET SO I RARELY EVER DRAW MUCH ATTENTION TO MYSELF
S-S-SORRY I JUST WELL YOU WERE STANDING ALONE IN THE RAIN SO
MAYBE STANDING ALONE IN THE RAIN IS MY HOBBY DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT


I REALLY LIKE YOU. I'VE ALWAYS, ALWAYS LONGED TO TELL YOU THAT
ARGH! ARGH! I'M BORED! SO BORED!!
I FOLLOW MY TEACHER'S ADVICE!
BUT IT'S SO BORING NOT TO TALK!!
GYUNG-JU
I LIKE YOU

I WONDER IF TEACHER IS EVER BORED?!
SHE DOESN'T TALK MUCH, AND SHE NEVER LAUGHS
NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT, I'VE NEVER EVEN SEEN HER SMILE..
DAMN! MY MOUTH IS JUST ITCHING TO TALK! IT'S SO HARD TO BE A COOL GUY!
HUH?!
WHA? WHAT'S THAT?! NO WAY! NOT GYUNG-JU AND SONG-AH?!
IS HE TRYING TO DRIVE ME CRAZY?! GYUNG-JU LEE, THAT BASTARD! YOU DARE FLIRT WITH SONG-AH BEFORE ME?!
WHAT?! IF YOU HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY, SAY IT FAST. I'M BUSY!
Ahhh! Pil-Hyun is going to commit suicide! Help! Someone stop him!
Pil-Hyun! Please don't throw your life away!

HERE, TAKE THIS
IT'S AN UMBRELLA. SO YOU WON'T GET DRENCHED IN THE NEXT RAIN
SEE, I HEAR THERE'S A DANGEROUSLY HIGH ACID CONTENT IN OUR RAIN. IT'S NOT AT ALL GOOD FOR YOUR HEALTH.
YOU AGAIN?
YOU LOOK VERY MODEST AND MEEK, BUT MY BET IS YOU'RE PRETTY GOOD AT THIS
TELL ME, IS THIS HOW YOU SEDUCE GUYS?!

HEY!! GYUNG-JU LEE!!!
YOU THINK THIS SCHOOL IS A PLAYGROUND?! WHAT'S WITH ALL THIS DATING?!
Pil-Hyun has finally lost his mind. Gyung-Ju's so scary! What's Pil-Hyun trying to do?
Seriously. Gyung-Ju's the number-one fighter in our school. Pil-Hyun's dead meat.
He'd best just stick to sewing!
Anyway, I guess Pil-Hyun takes his dates to the playground? How totally lame!
What's going on...awww... how cute!
DATING? IS THAT WHAT YOU'RE CARRYING ON ABOUT?!
EEEEK! THIS DARK AURA!
N-N-NO! I'M JUST SAYING, AH, THAT THIS SCHOOL IS NOT YOUR OWN PERSONAL PLAYGROUND... THIS IS TRUE. IS IT NOT? A SCHOOL IS JUST A SCHOOL! AH HA HA!
drip drip
SOB

S-S-SONG-AH?!
SOB SOB
SORRY! LOOK! I'M JUST SAYING, I MEAN YOU DON'T JUST DATE IN PLAY-GROUNDS! SURE YOU CAN DATE HERE AT SCHOOL, TOO! HA HA. I WAS JUST KIDDING AROUND, ONLY KIDDING!
SOB!
AH?! IS THAT AN UMBRELLA?! SONG-AH, HERE, I'LL SHOW YOU THE UMBRELLA DANCE, ALL RIGHT?!
I'm singing in the rain! Oh!
Singing in the rain!
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깡총
깡총
...
OKAY. THIS IS TOO SAD AND PATHETIC TO WATCH
HMPH!
R-RIGHT, SEDUCTION
SAW!
LOOK, WHY DON'T YOU TWO KIDDIES WHO CLEARLY HAVE THE SAME STYLE OF SEDUCTION TRY AND HIT THINGS OFF? YOU BOTH MAKE ME TIRED
YOU KIDDIES?! I AM NOT GONNA LET THAT ONE SLIDE!!
Oh! Lord!!

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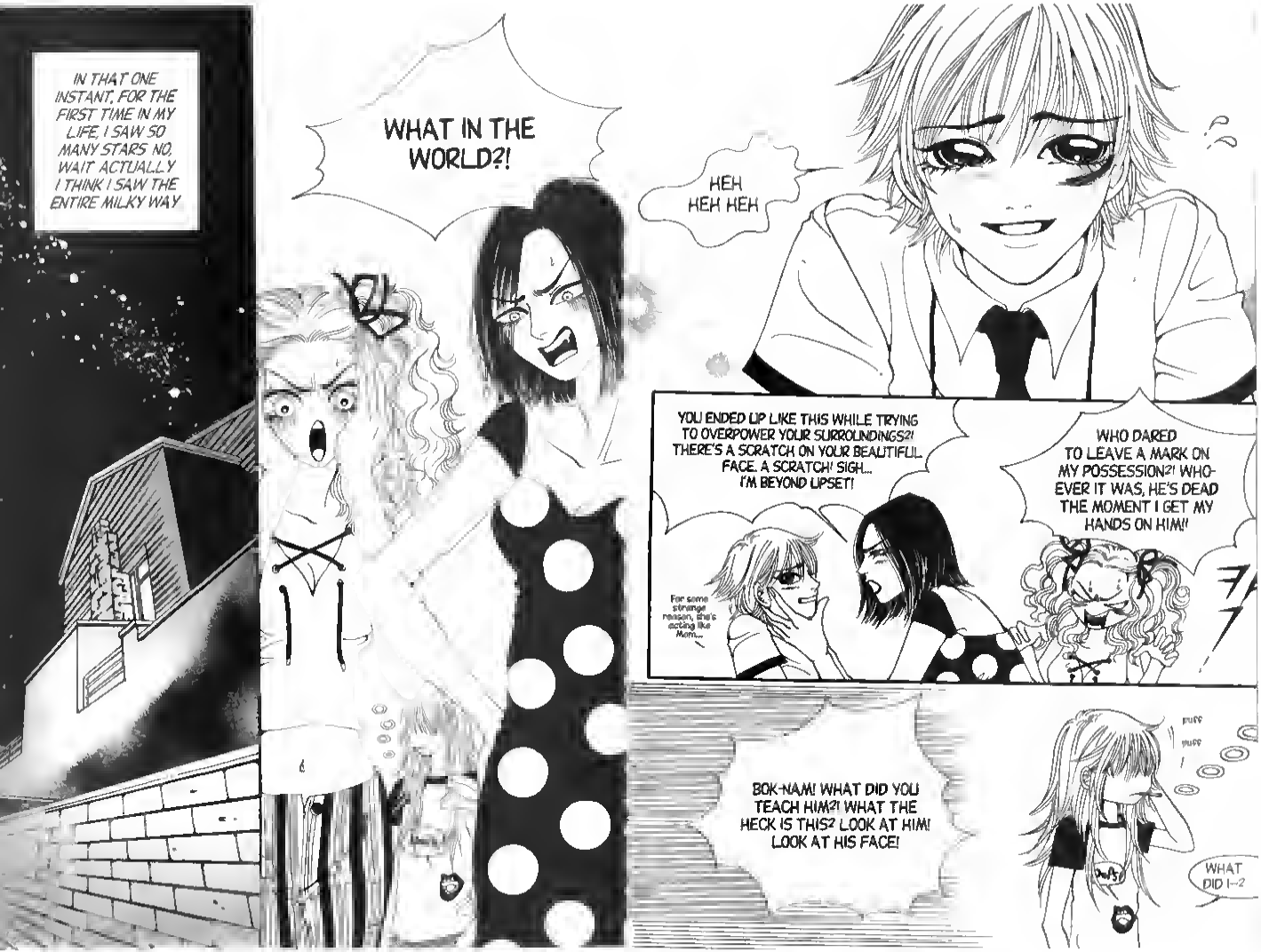
EXCUSE ME?!
I, PIL-HYUN JUNG, WILL OVERPOWER MY SURROUNDINGS!!
HUH?!
YOU BETTER GET OFF ME RIGHT NOW, PIL-HYUN JUNG!
Gasp!

HUH?!
ACKK?!! S-S-SORRY!! THIS ISN'T AT ALL WHAT I WAS AIMING FOR. I MUST HAVE TRIPPED!!
WHAT-EVER, FREAK! JUST GET AWAY FROM ME!
SHOCK
?
PIL-HYUN FINALLY JUMPED ON GYUNG-JU!!
QUICK! CALL THE GIRLS IN THE WRITING CLUB! THIS IS BIG NEWS!!
WE JUST WITNESSED THE BIRTH OF A NEW COUPLE! YEP, THAT'S ALL I NEEDED TO SEE!
I KNEW THIS WOULD HAPPEN! PIL-HYUN JUNG, WAY TO GO!!
Shriek!
Shriek!
Shriek!
WHAT? NO! I MEAN...I JUST...
UH-OH
HA HA


IN THAT ONE INSTANT, FOR THE FIRST TIME IN MY LIFE, I SAW SO MANY STARS NO, WAIT ACTUALLY I THINK I SAW THE ENTIRE MILKY WAY
WHAT IN THE WORLD?!
HEH HEH HEH
YOU ENDED UP LIKE THIS WHILE TRYING TO OVERPOWER YOUR SURROUNDINGS?! THERE'S A SCRATCH ON YOUR BEAUTIFUL FACE. A SCRATCH! SIGH... I'M BEYOND UPSET!
For some strange reason, she's acting like Mom...
WHO DARED TO LEAVE A MARK ON MY POSSESSION?! WHOEVER IT WAS, HE'S DEAD THE MOMENT I GET MY HANDS ON HIM!!
BOK-NAM! WHAT DID YOU TEACH HIM?! WHAT THE HECK IS THIS? LOOK AT HIM! LOOK AT HIS FACE!
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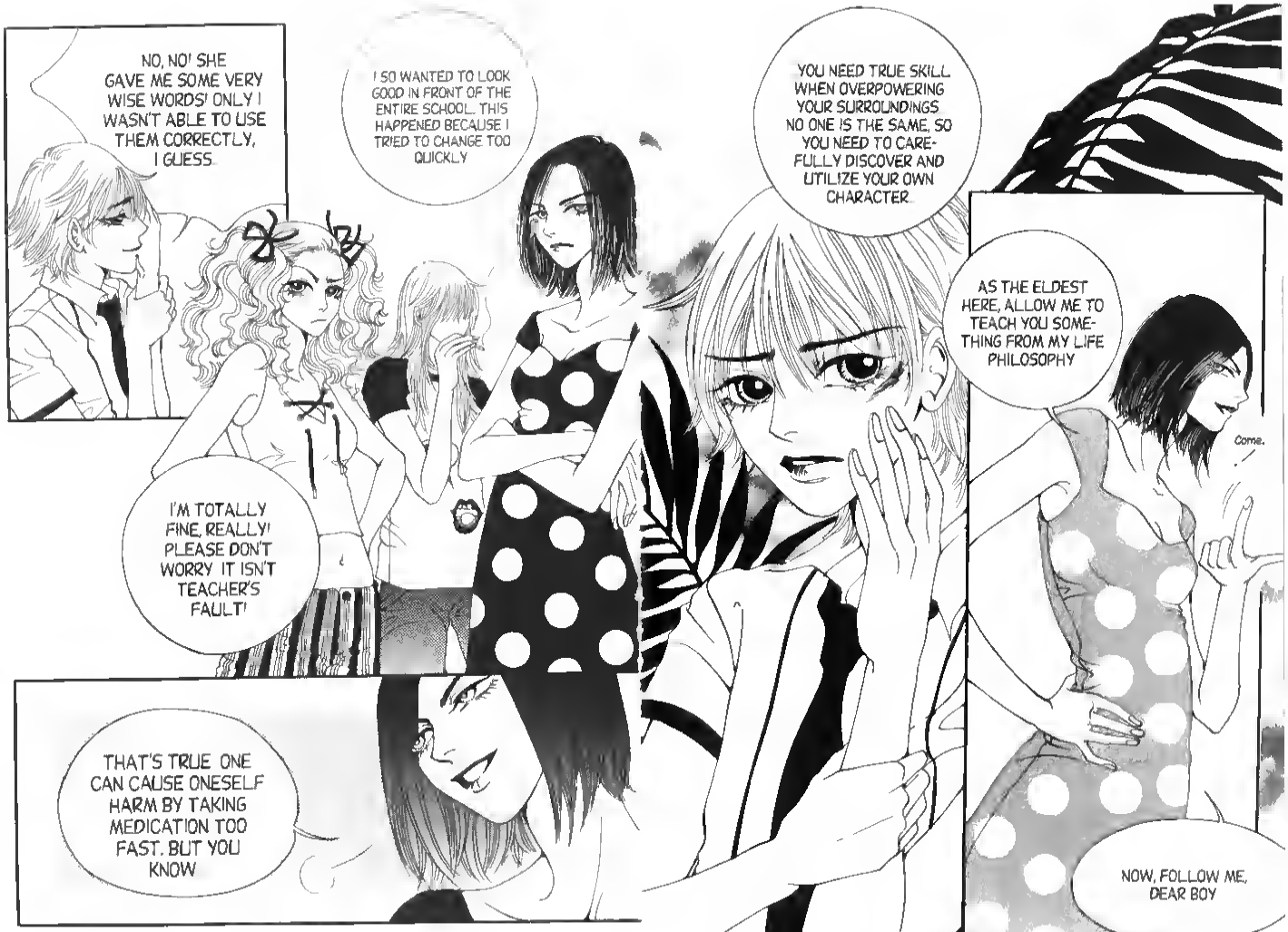
WHAT DID I--?


NO, NO! SHE GAVE ME SOME VERY WISE WORDS! ONLY I WASN'T ABLE TO USE THEM CORRECTLY, I GUESS...
I SO WANTED TO LOOK GOOD IN FRONT OF THE ENTIRE SCHOOL. THIS HAPPENED BECAUSE I TRIED TO CHANGE TOO QUICKLY
I'M TOTALLY FINE, REALLY! PLEASE DON'T WORRY. IT ISN'T TEACHER'S FAULT!
THAT'S TRUE. ONE CAN CAUSE ONESELF HARM BY TAKING MEDICATION TOO FAST. BUT YOU KNOW...
YOU NEED TRUE SKILL WHEN OVERPOWERING YOUR SURROUNDINGS. NO ONE IS THE SAME, SO YOU NEED TO CAREFULLY DISCOVER AND UTILIZE YOUR OWN CHARACTER.
AS THE ELDEST HERE, ALLOW ME TO TEACH YOU SOMETHING FROM MY LIFE PHILOSOPHY
Come.
NOW, FOLLOW ME, DEAR BOY

OKAY
I AM ON THE PATH TO BECOMING A COOL GUY WHO HAS CHARISMA JUST SEEPING OUT FROM HIM!!!
ALL DONE!!
Whew!
Eeng?!
tremble
THIS? THIS IS REALLY A USEFUL SKILL?!
IN ORDER FOR ME TO TRULY BECOME LIKE TEACHER, I NEED TO START STUDYING THINGS ONE AT A TIME, RIGHT?!
I'm just gonna go do my work.
FIRST, I'LL LEARN THE LESSONS FROM THE ELDEST HERE!!
THAT'S RIGHT THAT'S TRUE. IT'S TOO MUCH FOR A PERSON TO TRY AND CHANGE TOO QUICKLY

OF COURSE!
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호호호
THIS IS THE CLASSIC METHOD OF PRETTY BOYS OVERPOWERING THEIR SURROUNDINGS!! IT'S THIS PRECISELY!!
THIS IS THE ONE OVERPOWERING SKILL THAT WILL KNOCK OUT ALL THE GIRLS AT ONCE, PIL-HYUN!
R-R-REALLY?!
까아아
HYUN-JA! I LOVE IT!
PIL HYUN CAN YOU SLIGHTLY LOWER THE STRAP OF THE APRON?!
THIS...THIS IS NOTHING!
L-LI-LIKE THIS?

Hee hee hee!
THIS IS TRUE CHARISMA!
Ah
pop —
PIL-HYUN NOW HOW ABOUT A CUTE EXPRESSION?
OKAY, THIS SEEMS SLIGHTLY STRANGE BUT SINCE THEY SEEM TO BE ENJOYING THEMSELVES
I'LL TRY
까아아아아앙
IN ANY CASE, I THINK I'VE FINALLY MASTERED THE SKILL OF OVERPOWERING MY SURROUNDINGS?!
GIVE US A SLIGHTLY MORE SEDUCTIVE POSE!!
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NOW, WIGGLE YOUR SHOULDERS! RIGHT! RIGHT!!
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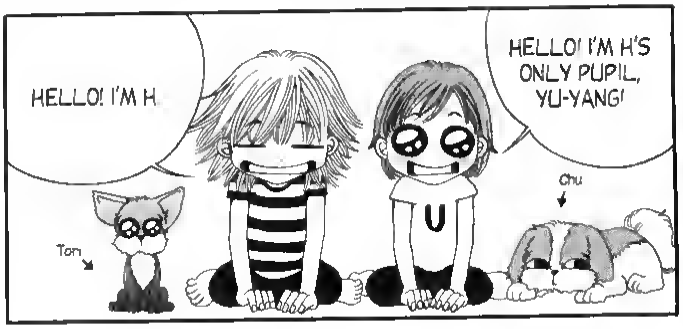
Like this?! Rwarrrrr!
Squeal
Tee hee hee!
Okay! Okay!
Seems to be enjoying himself?!

One day His Supplemental Story!



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I'M HUNGRY, HUNGRY, HUNGRY! ARGH!
Hmm?
IT HAS ONLY BEEN 10 MINUTES SINCE YOUR LAST MEAL
LONESOME
SOMETHING YUMMY! SOMETHING YUMMY! I WANNA EAT! SOMETHING YUMMY!
TEACHER YOU MUST FIRST CONSIDER THE FAT AROUND YOUR WAIST
DEPRESSED

HUH?
TEACHER!! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
Gasp! She caught me!
Making doll clothes.
SORRY, SORRY, YU-YANG CAN YOU WORK ON THIS FOR ME?
Tee hee!
YOU SHOULD HAVE STARTED ON THIS SOONER
TEACHER
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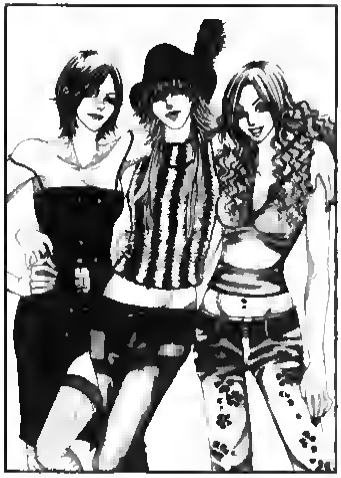
As the deadline drew closer, H would do everything possible in order to avoid reality

June 18th

At that time, I thought to myself.
Why are the heavens giving me
such cruel heartache?
For they brought such
uncontrollable sorrow that it was
sometimes too painful to bear.

My precious babies who went
to the heavens without even
taking one deep breath in the
world! I am so sorry that,
as your mother, I was not
able to better protect you

May you rest in peace!
In a place full of warmth!
My precious babies! I will never
forget.



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